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ORDINANCES OF THE GILD OF ST. MARY, LICHFIELD.[1]

[*Lichfield Gild Register, vellum, leaf* 5, *back.*]
[*Leaves* 1—5 *contain the Latin Charter of Rich. II,* A.D. 1387.]

[A.D. 1538.]

Thys ordinaunce, taken owt of laten in-to englysshe the xiij day of Ianuarye, the xxix yere of *our* soue*r*ayne Lord king henry the viijth, by Rychard Watwode, the*n* being Master of the gild of *our* lady and seint Iohn baptist, withe the Consent of m*aster* Colyns, m^{r} Langton, m^{r} awsten, m^{r} hyH (dyer), m^{r} Weston, m^{r} orchard, m^{r} godfray, m^{r} Iordane, m^{r} marshaH, m^{r} strynge*r*, m^{r} byrd, m^{r} potte, m^{r} bowde, maste*r* bremecha*m*,[2] m^{r} hopwoodd, m^{r} hyH (me*r*cer), m^{r} genynge*s*, m^{r} stonyng, m^{r} EndesdaH, wythe aH the other of the xlviij, as here after folowethe, according to the othe whyche we haue taken. /

[1] These Ordinances, and those of 1486-7 that follow, have been printed in Harwood's *History of Lichfield*, 1807 ; but as that book is scarce, and probably not in the library of three Members of the Society, Dr. Furnivall took the opportunity of his stay in Lichfield, Aug.—Sept. 1889, to copy the Ordinances from the MS. Gild-Register. Canon Curteis has kindly completed the collation of the 1538 englishing with its Latin, as Dr. F. could not quite finish it.

[2] No doubt he or one of his forefathers came from Bromwicham or Birmingham.

RICHARD II'S GILD-ORDINANCES OF 1387,

ENGLISHT IN 1538.

[*Lichfield Gild Registry, leaf* 6.]

NOBLE kyng Rychard, Seconde of that name, King of Englande, in the yere of our Lord M.CCC. lxxxvij, being dysposede and always wyllyng that the honour of godde and the deuocyon of true Chrystyanes shulde encreace and go forward, hathe graunted and giuen lycence to Adamare Lychefelde, Thomas Tauerner, Symon Lychefeld, Henry Browne, Robert Tayntreth, Rychard Mortymer, and Davy Brydde, to make a gilde and fraternyte in the towne of Lychefeld, in the honour of godde and the gloryous vyrgin our lady sent Mary, as it appereth more playnly in the seid kinges chartour made for the lycence therof. And so whan the above namedde had opteynedde lycence of the said king, and lycence of the Reuerend father in godde, Lord Rychard, bisshop of Couentre and Lichefeld, the gild began, and was fowndede for euer. And they, honorable men, worshypfulle men, gentylmen, and many other well disposedde people, began to make them brothers and sisters of the said gild; and so thei did choose amonge themself a Master and iiij Wardens for the seyd gild, according to the strengthe[1] and vertue of the licence of the seid king. And also they made by ther generalle consent diuerse

Richard II having, in 1387, licenst 7 citizens to make a Gild of St. Mary in Lichfield, they got the Bp.'s license too, founded the Gild, and elected other Members. Then all chose a Master and 4 Wardens,

[1] Lat. *rim.*

and made their Ordinances:

ordynaunses, whiche be bothe honest and consonaunte to the law, for the establisshment of the seid gild, as it appereth in fourm folowing:

Yearly, on Lady Day,

(1) Fyrst it ys ordenedd that cuery yere at the fest of the Conception of our Lady, or within the viij dayes

the Gild shall meet and choose its Master and Wardens.

folowing,[1] the broders shall mete, and the master and the wardens[2] shalbe chosen, so that no man be chosen master or warden [3]except he be dwelling within the towne of Lichefeld.[3] And if ony man be so chosen master or warden, and they vtterly refuse it, [4]then lett his name be cancelled and drawen forth of the Regester, and be cownted no more as broder.[4] And if ony man being master or warden be fownd profytable & fytt for the seid offyce, they may chose him againe whan thei wyll, notwithstanding that thei can not compell him, Except he agreethe to the same election. And the election must be made on thys maner:

Mode of Election:

At the day of the election, [5]whan the master and the wardens and the broders of the seid gild that wylbe

the old Master names 6 Electors;

at the hall, be gathered together,[5] The master that was that yere, shall name vj of hys broders of the gild,

they chose 3 others;

which shall take to them other iij of ther broders,

[* leaf 6, back]

whom they will, *beside the iiij wardens; and so thei

and these 9, with the 4 Wardens, choose the new Master and Wardens,

xiij shal chose one man for master, whom thei think most able and conuenyent, and the iiij wardens, for the prosperous state and conseruation of the seid gild. And for the finall determinacion of the seid election, the

by the vote of the majority.

gretter part in nomber of the seid xiij shall ratifie and determe the election. Which master and wardens so elect, after that thei haue done ther office by the space

[1] uel infra eiusdem festi octabas.

[2] Custodes.

[3–3] nisi in dicta uilla Lichefeld conuersans pro tempore moram trahat.

[4–4] tunc deleatur nomen eius de libro fratrum, & amplius pro fratre minime reputetur.

[5–5] Conuenientibus Magistro & custodibus ac fratribus dicte gilde qui interesse uoluerint in loco communi, de die electionis premunitis.

of one hoole yere, must make ther accomptes before the broders of the seid gild, of aH the commodytes and profyttes to the seid gild belonging for that yere. And if the master or the wardens together, or ony of them by himself, do lend ony mony owt of the comen boxe, Thei shaH answer for it at the accomptes, and restore it and repay it to the wardens for the next yere folowing. Officials render accounts yearly. Loans by any singly to be repaid by him.

(2) Also the ordinaunse is, that the master and wardens [1]shaH provyde to make ther accomptes honestly for the yere against the fest of the natiuyte of our lady,[1] or within the viij dayes after the same fest; and euery man entending to be broder shaH pay for himself; and then a solempnyte and a fest to be made, in the honour of owr blessed Lady, generally to aH broders & sisters of the seid gild, if so be that the master and wardens shall think it so to be most expedyent. Account-day is Lady-day, when a Feast shall be held.

(3) Also the ordinaunse is, that aH the names of the broders & sisters must be wrytten in a boke made for the same, with ther rewardes and benefytes that thei haue giuen to the seid gild. And whan ony of the broders or sisters dissease,[2] let the time of hys departing[3] be noteda in the same boke, so that ther may be a perpetuaH memory of ther departing. Members' names gifts, and deaths to be enterd in a Book.

(4) Also it is ordened that no man shalbe admytt as broder or sister, except it be by the discretion of the master and wardens; nor no man to be admyt, except he be of honest conuersation and good name and fame; and that he giue for the mayntenaunce of the seida gild at his interest or admission,[4] as he can compownd withe the master and wardens; and then so being admyt, he schaH take an othe vpon the evangelist after thys fourm & facion: Members to be admitted only by the Master and Wardens, who shall fix the admission-fee. All shall take this Oath:

[1—1] prouideant se ad faciendum liberacionem honorifice de vnica secta erga festum natiuitatis beate marie.

[2] Lat. *ab hac luce migrauerit.*

[3] *obitus.*

[4] ad introitum suum.

[*For the sake of comparison, the earlier text* (A.D. 1387) *is set beside the Hen. VIII. one.*

[*Oath.* A.D. 1538.]

THE OTHE [1]I wilbe faithfull[1] from thys time vnto the *master* & broders of the gild of the glorious Virgin Mary of Lichfeld; and I wylbe obedient to them that hereafter shalbe elect to the same, in all thinges lefull and honest to be done; [2]and I wyll neuer shewe the counsell that the masters or [*leaf 7*] wardens shewthe me, for the hurt or damage of ony of them; and if I chaunce to know ony thing which shalbe preiudyciall or hurt[full] to the seid gild, I will withstond it to the vttermost of my powr.[2] I will obserue and kepe all ordinaunces that is consonaunte to the law, and made by the *master* and wardens for the time being, or here-after to be made, as a broder of the same: so help me godd and the holy evangeliste. /[3]

[*Oath.* A.D. 1387.][4]

I.N. fro þis tyme forwarde, schal be trewe to the Mayster & þe bredren of þe 3elde of þe gloriouse uirgine marie of lycchefelde: and to hem that schal be in tyme comynge, I schal be obediente *in* alle leful & honeste þinges to be done. the covnceyl þat the mayster or the wardens schal schewe to me, I schal not telle to no man, in harmyng of hem. ¶ 3ef any þinge truly happon to cum to my knoulachinge þat schulde turne in-to a notabul hyndringe of þe forsayde 3elde, or a gret harme, I schal let hyt, or procur to be letted, monly[5] aftur my power. ¶ þe ordinaunce acordynge to lawe ordent be þe maystur and þe wardens of the forsayde 3elde, and to be ordent, as brother of þe same 3elde I schal kepe truly in myne owne person: so helpe me god & the holy gospel!

Adulterers and criminals to be admonisht,

(5) Also the ordinaunce is, that if ony broder of the seid gild b[e][6] conuict of adultery or ony other abhomynable cryme, and so openly diffamed, the master and wardens shal monysshe h[im] of the same; and if he wyl not renownse his fawt at the[7] monysshon, but perseuer and continew in it, Let his nam[e] be cancelled, [8]and that he neuer be admytted after

and expeld unless they amend.

1—1 Ego. N. ab hoc hora inantea, fidelis ero.

2—2 ad eorum dampnum scienter nemini pandam, Si quid uero ad meam noticiam deuenire contingat, quod in notabile detrimentum dicte gilde uertere posset, seu graue dampnum, impediam uel impedire procurabo, uiriliter iuxta posse. 3 sancta dei euangelia. 4 Lichfield Gild Register, leaf 15, back.

5 Lat. *viriliter*.

6 A strip of the margin is torn off all down the page. 7 MS. the the . .

8—8 (next page) amplius ad eundem sine noua gratia nullatinus redituris, quia scriptum est: "Deleatur nomen talis malifici," &c.

againe and taken as brod*er*, according to scripture: 'Let the nam[e] of suche an yll lyu*er*[8] be stryk*en* owt of boke of elect p*er*son[es], and not cownted amongest the good men.' And if that ony of the brod*er*s or sisters be [1]in ony erro*ur*, or ony other detestabl[e] crime,[1] as sone as the m*aster* and wardens know it, [2]thei must monysshe the doer charytably, after the sayyng of the gospe[l], "if thy brod*er* do trespas against the, monyssh him that he leve it,"[2] and so forthe. /

Errors to be admonisht charitably.

(6) Also if [3]it chaunce that ony discord or debate bo[3] betwyxt any men being brod*er*s of the gild, the m*aster* and wardens and other of the brod*er*s must serche the cawses, [4]and so reforme it, if it can be browght so to passe.[4] Nor one of the brod*er*s [5]shall sewe an other brod*er* of the gild,[5] other at the sp*iri*tuall lawe or temporall, if so be that vnyte and peace may be made betwixt them by the brod*er*s of the gild; nor no man shall seeke or make ony ayde or help of ony stranger against his broder, which is p*re*iudiciall to the gild; for, by that meanes, the gild wyl sone be deprived of the suffrage and p*ro*fyttes of the same.[6]

All disputes to be settled by the officials.

No outsider to be cald in against a member.

(7) Also it is decreed that all possessyons, goodes, and catell that is giuen to the said gild, to the encrease and sustentacyon of godd*es* seruyce, [7]shuld be bestowed according to the wyl and mynd of them that giueth it,[7] that thei may be had in perpetuall memorye.

Gifts to be applied as the giver directs.

(8) Also that all men which haue or hold ony tenement of the lettyng of the m*aster* and the wardens,

Tenants to honour God first,

[1—1] aliquo errore uel uicio non notorio irretiti.

[2—2] talem delinquentem moneant, iuxta euangelicam ueritatem, Si peccauerit in te frater tuus, &c. a talibus criminibus ut desistant.

[3—3] casualiter exoriri discordiam.

[4] [1] si commode fieri poterit, emendetur, inspectis qualitate discordie, & natura.

[5—5] fratrem suum suum trahat ad curiam . .

[6] The englisher misunderstood his original: "Nec manutenenciam ab aliquo domino extraneo aduersus fratrem suum querat, in preiudicium alicuius fratris eiusdem gilde, sub pena priuationis beneficiorum & suffragiorum gilde supradicte."

[7—7] caritatim expendantur uixta uim & effectum uoluntatis donatorum.

and the Gild-Master next.

fyrst let him pay & do cheef honour to godd,[1] and then after to the master and the wardens, according to scripture[2]; "Let thy kyng haue hys seruyce, and thy lord god hys due honour."

Strangers' complaints against Members

(9) Also if ony stranger make ony complaynte against a broder of the gild, let then relacyon be made vnto the master and wardens and ther broders; [3]and so when due informacion is had with diligent examinacion, and the truthe knowen, bring the parties together

to be settled peaceably.

that ther may be made a good end, and discord clene deseceddᵗ.[3]

Poor Members to be helpt.

(10) Also it is ordered that if ony broder or sister of the seid gild by misfortune[4] fall to suche pouertie that he hath nothing to help himself, The master and the wardens of the gild must help him[5] as they think best, having respect and consideracion vnto hys old state and cause of hys mysfortune, according to that that godd hath provyded to multyplye the goodes of the seid gild./

Priests to be admitted by the

(11) Also the ordinaunce is, that no priest shalbe admytt to do seruyce in the seid gild by the desire of ony man, Thowgh the desirer be broder of the seid

Master and Wardens only,

gild; but that the master and wardens shal admytt the priestes by ther discretion onely; [6]and they shal take as many as shalbe thowght necessary by the most awncyent broders of the gild[6]; and [7]that euery pryest owght to be admytted by the other priestes of the gild; and that thei examyn them surely of ther habylyte so

[1] Query, 'do the wonted services due to the chief feudal lord of the land:' Capitali domino seruicia debita & consueta. Canon Curteis thinks the 'scripture' shows that God was meant. [2] iuxta scripturam euangelij.

[3–3] tunc se intromitant diligenter, ut fiat in huiusmodi discordia bonus finis.

[4] per infortunum, absque defectu eiusdem. [5] subueniatur eidem.

[6–6] acceptis sibi tantis quantis sibi uiderint expedire de probabilioribus fratribus.

[7–7] (next page) capellanus qui recipi debeat per alios capellanos eiusdem gilde, de habilitate sua, iusta examinacione probetur anteqnam admittatur. Ita quod per eorum examinacionem eius habilitas approbetur.

that thei may be fownd able by ther examynacion[7]; also that all the priestes that be bownd to do seruyce in the said gild must be honest and of good conuersacion, or elles to haue suffycyent warning, and so depryve them of ther office, and other put in as shalbe thowght expedyent to the master and wardens; and that the priestes of the gild be euery day in the churche of our lady at the divyne seruys, that by ther helpe the paryssh pryestes may [1]the better do dyvyne seruys to the honour of god.[1]

after examination by the Gild-Priests.

The Gild-Priests to help the Parish Priests in divine service.

(12) Also it is decreedd that one of the priestes of the gild shalbe made by the master and wardens Clerk of the gild, [2]to wryte and note[2] all profyttes and rentes belonging to the seid gild, and also expenses and charges. And the same priest so elect shal shew to the master and wardens how long *he will continew in the seid office; and hys felows shalbe [3]at hys assigning[3] in doing ther dutie or office in the Churche. In consideracion wherof the master and wardens shall giue him by the yere [4]for his paines taking,[4] vj s viij d./

One priest to be Clerk of the Gild,

and keep its accounts,

[* leaf 8]

for 6s. 8d. a year.

(13) Also it is ordeined that all the priestes of the seid gild shalbe att our lady masse, and at antem [5]that is called Salue,[5] in the Chapell of our lady standing in the markett place of Lich*feld*, except they be lett by a reasonable cause; [6]and that euery of them shal depose for an other, concerning honest conuersation and grauyte of maners./

All Gild-Priests to be at Our Lady's Mass in the Church in the Market-place.

(14) Also the ordinaunce is, that all the pryestes of the seid gild be down-lyyng and vprysing in ther Chambers[6] apoynted to them by the master and his

All Gild-Priests to sleep in

[1–1] gloriosius ad laudem dei possint perficere. [2–2] et scribat.
[3–3] ad ejus innitacionem. [4–4] iuxta eius meritum.
[5–5] que dicitur Salue regina.
[6–6] This clause belongs, in the Latin, to the subsequent ordinance, and runs thus: Item cum solitarius ceciderit, non habeat sublevantem; et ut quilibet eorum sit alterius testis idoneus super conuersacione honesta morumque grauitate, ordinatum est quod omnes capellani . . sint iacentes et leuantes in cameris iuxta capellam.

broders, that be buyldēd beside the chapell of our lady in Lich*feld* within a certaine hows, calledd 'the priestes hall,' a-pointed for them.[1] [2]And that they bord together,[2] except a reasonable cause or bodely infirmyte which thei felows knowth, do let them; and if ony of the seid pryestes do withdraw him-self from his company, [3]or make mery with ony other man[3] within the Cyte of Lich*feld* for the space of iij or iiij or v daies or an hoole weeke, he shall pay the costes of his comens neuertheles./

the Priests' Hall,

and board together.

If any doesn't,

he shall still pay his share.

(15) Also it is ordeined that the Clark for the time being in the said chapell having the office of a decane, by the voluntary rewardes and goodnes of the townedwellers and broders & sisters of the sayd gild, [4]shall be euery day[4] at our lady masse and antem that we call "Salue," Except he be let with a reasonable cause.

The Clerk and Deacon of the Chapel

shall attend daily Mass.

(16) Also whan Phylyp Stretehay,[5] master of the gild, and Roger Ridwàre, Thomas Wysse, Rychard Chamber and Rychard Cowper, wardens of the same gild, with consent of the other broders, did admytt William Wylnehale, priest, to be one of the prestes of the gild as to a perpetuyte, as it apperethe in his wryting made therof, and sealed with the Comen seale, for the whych admyssyon the seid Wyllyam was bound by the seid master and wardens to wryte and cast ther accomptes yerely, whan the wardens for the time being shuld command him, [6]and to wryte ther names particulerly that do take the accomptes, and to make the wardens parfyt in such thinges as belongeth to the seyd gild./[6]

Wm. Wylnehale has been appointed permanent keeper of the Gild's accounts.

[1] See p. 14, no. 13, below.

[2—2] et in quadam aula . . sumptibus communibus simul comedant et conuescant.

[3—3] vel eciam conuiuare cum aliquo alio.

[4—4] assiduus sit.

[5] Philippus de Strethay.

[6—6] et nomina huiusmodi libracionem recipientium particulariter conscribendi, dictisque Custodibus quando requisitus fuerit intimandi.

Lichfield Gild Register, leaf 8, *back.*

SIR HUMFREY STANLEY'S ORDINANCES FOR THE GILD.

A.D. 1486-7.

In the fest of sent mycheH tharcangeH, The yere of owre souer-aine Lord, King Henry the vijth, the second, By the hyghe consideracion of the right worshipfuH Syr Humfrey Stanley, knight, the master of the gild, and the worshipfuH his brothers, in eschewing of grett inconvenyence and malyce, haue ordened and constitute vpon certaine articles for the worship of the Citie, vnite, pease, and welfare of the Cominalte./

(1.) *Unity to be kept among the* 48 *Members.*

Fyrst, it is ordened that the master of the gild, with the xlviij, shal stedfastly abyde together in one as in aH, as they and eche of them personally made there othe solemply apon a boke in performing the same, and to se good rule be kept, and pease to be had, for the worship of the seid cyte, & welfare of the comminalte.

(2.) *Disputes to be settled by the Master and Brothers. Disobedients to be expeld.*

Also it is ordened that if ony vnkindely, or ony caus vnkindely to be giuen in deling amongest the seid xlviij, that then the knowlege therof cum to the master, he and his brothers here the mater and cawses betwixt them; and the parties to abyde the rule, arbiterment and award of the seid master and his brothers. And the seid parties so moved wyl not abide the ordinaunce of the seid master and his brothers, they to be kept owt of the worshipfuH eleccion and fraternyte of the seid Cyte, and neuer to cum amongest them to noo CounceH, but be discharged as a man forsworne openly and audyently vpon a boke./

(3.) *Fine for not attending Meetings. Expulsion after three defaults.*

Also it is ordened that as ofte as the m*aste*r of the gild, his brothern and the xlviij, haue mat*er* of co*m*municac*i*on, and assigned to mete at the haH of o*ur* lady, or at any other place, the day and how*r* p*re*fixed; and vpon the same, the xlviij so warned, if ony of them w*ith*draw themself, and wyl not cu*m* at the instaunce of the seid m*aste*r and brotherñ (w*ith*owt caus resonable) shal pay and giue iiij d to be put in-to the box*e* tyl the accomptes, and then it to be devyded after the discret*i*on of the m*aste*r of the gild and the xlviij. And if the seid p*er*son or p*er*sons wyl absent them-self from the seid m*aste*r and his brotherñ an-other time, after resonable warnyng [leaf 9] shal pay ij pownd of wax; and as ofte as ony of the*m* so fawteth after iij times monysshed, to be discharged and put owt, after the forme a-fore rehersedd./

(4.) 24*d.* *Fine for bloodshed in Frays. Surety for keeping the Peace.*

Also it is ordened, that as ofte as ony frayes be made, and bloodshed vpon the same, both p*ar*ties so disposed, The Co*n*stables to take the*m* to ward to the gayle haH, and ther to find sufficient suerte for the peace, and vpon ther good abering, or they dep*ar*t, for ony fauo*ur* or love of kynsme*n* or frende*s*. And the p*ar*ties to pay for the seid fraye and bloodshed, to the Come*n* box*e* .xx d., and to the Constable iiij d, as oft as ony such frays be made, what p*er*son or p*er*sons so-eu*er* thei be, the p*re*sentment by the xij me*n*, and the furrers[1] of the court, vnto my lord reserved notwithstondinge./

(5.) 16*d.* *Fine for less Frays, with Surety for Peace thereafter.*

Also it is ordened that, as often as ony frays or stryes[2] be made, or drawing vnlawfuH wepons in malyce, in sturring *and* fering the people, The Constables to take the*m* to ward, and ther to find sufficient surete according a-fore rehersed, and to pay for the fray xij d to the box*e*, and to the Constable iiij d, The p*re*sentment to my Lord reserved./

[1] '*Fourreur*, a Forager,' or '*Fourier:* n. An Harbinger.'—1611. Cotgr.: or '*Furer.* An officer whose duty it was to burn false measures.'—Dean Milles' MS. in Halliwell's Gloss.

[2] ? for stryfes.

(6.) *Night-walkers and Rioters to be arrested, admonisht, expeld, or put in Prison.*

Also it is ordened that, if ther be ony misruled and ill-disposed person or persons within the Citie, that suspeciously walketh by night, owt of due time, keping alehowses in ryott and mysdoing in trobeling ther neyghbours, The Constables to take them to ward, vntyll the master of the gild and his brothers take them owt, and so monysshe them to leve suche rule and mysgyding, or elles to voyd the Citie, or elles to be taken to prysoñ.

(7.) *Harlots to be set on the Cuckstool, and expeld the City.*

Also it is ordened, if ther be ony misruled woman of hyr body, that is called a comen synner with euery person that wil dispose himself to medle with such,—whereby may grow, & doth growe, in diuerse parties, greate mischef, as well by [leaf 9, back] murder[1] of men, as to the greate displeasure of god, and greate ieopardy of euerlasting paine,—Such openly knowen (the ponisshment of the Church reserved), that they, the Constables, to take them and sett them vpon the Cookstole, ther openly schamed, and to voide the towne, vpon paine of prysonment./

(8.) *Scolds to be warnd; and on their 3rd default, set on the Cuckstool.*

Also it is ordened that, if ther be ony woman that is a comen scold, that by her euyl tong and sclaunder may grow myschef and troble amongest neighbours, The Constable shal cum to that person or persons, charging them, in the name of the master of the gild and hys brotherñ, to leve ther malice & euyll tonges; ij times so monisshed; and if she wil not be ruled, she to be had to the cookestole, ther to be knowen in the example of other /

(9.) *Disputes between Members' servants to be settled by the Master, &c.*

Also it is ordened that, if it happeñ, and as ofte as it happeneth, ony vnkindnes or frayes made betwene ony seruaunte or seruauntes of the xlviij, the mater & cawses shalbe reserued to the master of the gild and his brotherñ: the masters of the parties notwithstanding to be ruled by the seid master and his brotherñ./

[*Three more Articles follow, in a rather later 16th-cent. hand, and different ink.*]

[1] MS. by murder.

(10.) *Gild tenants to pay rent duly. No tenant-at-will to underlet.*

Also it is ordenyd that euery tenand that holdythe any land*is* or tenyment*is* of the Gild, to paye ther Rent*is* at ther acustum*yd* days, or with*in* one monythe then nexte foloyng*e*; and that no tenaind at wyll shall make a tenand.

(11.) *Masters to keep the Ordinances, or be fined.*

Item, it ys a-greyde by Richarde Wetwode, then beyng*e* Master of our lady*s* gylde, with the consent of all the hall, that the seyd Master and his successour*is*, and the xlviij, shall well and trully ffolowe and kepe all & singullare ordinanc*is* conteynyde in thys Regester; and for euery defalt, to paye ther mercyment.

(12.) *All Deeds to be registerd in English.*

Item, it ys a-Greyde that all Indenture*is* of our lady*s* land*ys* shalbe sene, & the same to be regesterd in Englisshe.

[*leaf* 10: in the same or a contemporary hand.]

Item, the Taske of Lichfelde ys ... ... xij li vj s viij d

(13.) *The Priests'-Hall Statutes to be in English.*

Item, it ys a-Greyde that the Statut*is* be-longyng*e* to the prest*is* hall[1] shalbe draue owt in-to Englysshe, and to be delyuerde to the Comenar*is* ther.

(14.) *Date for St. Michael's Churchwardens' Accounts.*

Item, it ys a-Greyde that the churche-wardens of Seint Michaell*is* shall make ther accompt the sondaye next aftyr the fest of the purificacion of our blessed lady[2] nex[t] aftyr theye be owt of ther offec*is*, vppon payn of forfettyng*e* xx s. to be payd to the Reparacion of the same churche.

(15.) *Date for Stowe Churchwardens' Accounts.*

Item, that the Churche-wardens of Stowe,[3] shall make ther a-compt the secunde sondaye next folloyng*e* the seyd fest of purificacion next aftyre the[y] be owt of offec*is*, vppon lyke payne.

(16.) *Date for St. Mary's Churchwardens' Accounts.*

Item, the churche-wardens of our lady*s*, that they shall make ther a-compt the thryde sondaye next aftyr the seyde fest of purificacion next aftyr they be owt of offece, vppon lyke payne.

[1] See p. 10, art. 14, above. [2] Feb. 2. [3] A parish close to and N.E. of Lichfield.

(17.) *Gild-Masters to wear Scarlet Gowns when warnd so to do.*

Item, it ys a-Greyde that the Master of the Gilde, and all other that haue byn Masteris of the same Gilde, shall were ther skarlett Gownys the days next folloyng' that they haue monyshion by the bell-man ouer Evyn, vppon payn of euery offender for euery defalt ... ... xij d to be payd to the comyn box of the hall. pri[n]cipel Festis

And yff the Master of the Gilde for that tyme beyng' Gyff them not warnynge accordyng' as ys a-boue seyd, that then the seyd Master shall forfet to the seyd boxe, for euery defalt ... ... ij s

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[*leaf* 10, *back, in another hand.*]

A.D. 1538.

EXPULSION FROM THE GILD, OF WILLIAM STONDENOGHT, FOR REFUSING TO SERVE AS MASTER.

For so Muche as it ys enactyde of olde tyme, as playnly doythe apere [by] the ordinances Establyshyde by the graunt of the Nobyll kyng' Richarde, the secunde of that name, that euery yere, at the Fest of the Concepcion of our blessyd lady / or within viiij dayes then nexte Followyng', the Masteris and bretherne shall mett in the Comyn hall / and ther a Newe Master and wardens shalbe chosyn / and yff any Man be so Chosyn Master or warden / and that he or they vttyrly refuse it / then hys Name to be cansellyde, and drawne Forthe of the Register, and to be acomptyde No more as a brother / accordyng' to whiche ordinance, the Master and bretherne in the Fest of the seyde concepcion of our lady in the xxx^ti^ yere of the Reyng' of our suffaryng lorde kyng henry the viijth, to thentent that a Newe Master to be made, accordyng' to ther olde Custum / dyde assembyll ther selfis in the seyde place / and all thyngis requisyde to that eleccion obseruyde, dyde Elect, nominate and chuse Wyllyam Stondenoght, a brother of the seyde Gilde, to be Master of the same / whiche William so electe, namyde & chossyn, hath Contemptuusly and vtterly refusyde the same / Contrary to the ordinance affore-

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seyde / and hys othe here-to-fore in that behahalf made / ther-fore the olde *Master* for that tyme beyng, with the consent of all his seyde Brethe*r*is, the xv^th^ daye of December then nexte ensuyng the seyde Fest [leaf 11] of Concepcion the yere a-boue wryttyn, accordyngly to ther seyde statut*is*, dyde Cansell and drawe Forthe owt of the Regester Booke, and by the*s* *present*is do Cansell and drawe Forthe the Name of the seyde Will*iam*, and neu*er* here-aftyr to be reputyde and takyn for a brother of the seyde Gilde, Ne to enjoye any pryvylege, emolum*ent*is or *profett*is, ap*er*tenyng or in any wyse belongyng to the same.

[? *In another 16th-century hand.*]

A.D. 1539.

FOR THE A-COMPT OF THE *MASTER* OF THE GILDE.

Memorandum, that hit ys a-Greyde by the *Master* of the Gildes[1] and his bretherne, that the seyde *Master* & his iiij wardens, and ther Successou*r*is, Shall make ther a-Compte vppon Mydlent Sondaye next aftyr that they shalbe owte of ther offec*is*, vppon payn of forfetyng xl s, the whiche xl s to be levyde, xiij s iiij d of the seyde *Master*, and xxvj s viij d of the seyde iiij warde[ns], that ys to wyt, eu*er*y one of the seyde wardens, vj s viij d; and the seyde forfet to be a-pleyde to the commyn Taxe of Gilde hall. *anno* Regni Reg*is* henrici octaui xxx^o^. (22 April 1538 to 21 April 1539.)

[*leaf* 12, *back, in another hand, of Philip and Mary's reign.*]

LEVY OF A FIFTEENTH FROM LICHFIELD.

(A.D. 1558) The taske[2] of the Citie of Lichfeld is xij li.

In p*ri*mis, Bore Strete[3]	...	...	...		xx s ij d
Item, Sadlers Strete[4]	...	...	...	...	xlix s

[1] ? MS. Gilded.
[2] Tax.
[3] parallel with Market St. The post-office and police-court are in it.
[4] now Market Street, at right angles to Bird Street.

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Item, Birde Strete[1] and Sandforde Strete ... ... xxxix s
Item, Bekon Strete[2] ... ... xxviij s
Item, Tamworth Strete[3] ... ... xx s
Item, grene hill[4] ... ... xv s
Item, Stowe Strete[5] ... ... xxij s iiij d
Item, Cundith Strete[6] ... ... xxxiij s vj d
Item, Wade Strete[7] ... ... ix s
Item, saint Johns Strete[8] ... ... xviij s vj d

12 li 15 s' 6 d The tenor of the billettes Directed to the Dus-
12 li 15 s' 6 d siners[9] in euery seuerall warde for the colleccion
off the sommes aboue written //

To the Dussiners of Sadlers strete.[10]

We will and commande you, in the King and Quenes magesties names, for to levy and Gather in your ward, the xv^th^ graunted to their gracis Vse, with all spede.

Edmunde Bardell
John Dyott } Bayliffes

[These men are enterd as Bailiffs in 1558, in a later leaf of the MS, in the George Bagshawes' 'Catalogue of all the Baylyffes and Sheriffes that haue bene in y^e^ cytty of Lichfeld sythynce the Incorporation therof.' Harwood, in his *History of Lichfield*, 1807, p. 220, in his print of this Catalog, claims this John Dyott, or his namesake, nephew of Sir —— Dyott, as Shallow's 'little John Doit of Staffordshire,' in 2 *Henry IV*, III. iii.—F.]

[1] leading to Stafford. Sandford St. runs out of it on the West.
[2] Beacon St. continues Bird St., runs up Beacon Hill, and is part of the Stafford Road.
[3] runs from Bore St. to Green Hill.
[4] A street leading up to St. Michael's Church (on the hill), and down to the Trent Valley station.
[5] runs N.E. out of Tamworth St. to Stowe.
[6] runs from Bore St. to the east end of the Cathedral.
[7] runs out of St. John's St. parallel to Market St. and Bore St. farther south.
[8] Continues Bird St., and runs into the Tamworth and London Road.
[9] the 12 Reserve-constables.
[10] now Market Street.

[*No break in the MS.*]

(*The last document in the Lichfield Gild Registry: leaves not numberd.*)

A.D. 1486. Dean Heywood's Reform of the administration of "Our Lady's Alms-Chest," or "Herwood's & Radclyf's Coffers": £40 for Loans to the Poor of Lichfield (£7 now given by Dean Heywood).

Thesus.

To all cristen people that this present writing shall
I, Dean Heywood, se or here, Thomas Heywood, bachiler of both lawes,[1] Dean of the cathedral churche off Lich*feld*, sendeth helth in our lord euerlasting!

In my Visitation on Nov. 22, 1485, Be it knowen vnto yowe, that we, in owr ordinary visitacion had and exercysed in the chapell of owr lady beside the market place of Lichfeld, the xxij day of nouember, the yere of owr lord M CCCC lxxxv, among other crymes and defawtes then shewed and detected to
found vs, We fownd that, wher the worshipfull men, master Ioan Herwood and master George Radclyf, somtime chanons residencyeres in the seid cathedral churcħ of Lich*feld*, ordeyned too chestes in the forseyd chapell of
that £20 was given by Jn. Herwood owr lady, in one of the whicħ chestes the seyd master Joan Herwood put xx ti, and in the other chest the
and also £20 by George Radclyf, (each in a chest,) to help the poor of Lichfield. seid master George Radclyf put other xx ti of lawfull money of England, to be conuerted to the behofe, profytte, and releving of poore people of the seid citie

[1] Canon and civil.

of lich*feld*, and thervpon disposed and ordeyned in ther last willes vnder certaine maners, fourmes, and condicions, as in ther writinges thervpon made, more plainly apperyth, the tenour wherof folowethe in these wordes:

[*Canon Radclyf's Regulations for administering his Gift of £20 to "Our Lady's Alms-Chest," or "Herwood's Coffer."* Febr. 1457.]

Canon Radclyf's Will or Deed recites Canon Herwood's gift,

In the name of god, amen! For as moch as Ioan Herwood, late chanon of the cathedrall church of lich*feld*, haue fownded a certaine almes chest in owre lady chapell, called the chapell church, beside the market place of the citie of lich*feld*, vnto the releef of pooremen in the seid citie, and in V. prebendes of the same, which chest is called "owr ladies almes chest," or otherwise "Herwodes cofre," In the which he put xx li of lawfull money of englond, and set forth and ordeyned diuers ordinaunces[1] for the conseruacion, as well of the money as of the cawcyons and pledges leyd in the seyd chest,

£20 in "Our Lady's Alms-Chest or Herwood's Coffer,"

I, George Radclyf, chanon of the cathedrall church aforeseyd, and late archedecane of Chestre, haue ordeyned an other cofre, and haue put in hyt xx li sterling, for thentent that poore men dwelling within the citie abouseid, and the subarbes of the same, (and not withowt the citie or subarbes,) may be releeved by a sufficient gage or pledge leyd in-to the seyd cofre for borowing mony of the same; which cofre shalbe calledde "Radclyffes cofre," by this provision:

and says that he, Canon Radclyf, has put another £20 in another chest, "Radclyf's Coffer," to be lent to poor men of Lichfield.

(1) That the master of the gilde in the citie aboveseid, the Sacristan of the mynester, the warden of the chapell church, and our priest which the master of the gild and his bretherne do trust most sure, may be kepers of the kayes of the seid cofre, for the conseruacion, as well of the money, as of the gages or pledges to be leid in the same. And that euery of them haue a kaye by themself, that the money and pledges of the seyd cofre may be well kept, oneles that ony hurt or hinderaunce maye chaunce to the cofre for defawt of safe custody.

the kepers of the kayes are the Gild-Master and 3 other men, to keep the money and the securities for loans.

(2) Farthermore I haue ordeyned and apoynted that no man shall borowe above xx s at one time, and

what ye may borow at ones.

[1] Not now known to be.

what pledge.

that but for one half yere; and that he lay in a gage or pledge better then the money so borowed by iij s iiij d./ And that the gage or pledge must be gold, syluer, tyn, brasse, [*new leaf*] lead, pewter or yron, and that it be taken by wayght, in no wyse regarding the fourme or facion of the gage or pledge.

how to order the pledge forfeted.

(3) Also if the gage or pledge so leyd in the seyd cofre be not redemed at the half yeres end, and the hoole som of the money borowed owt of the cofre be not repayed, then the gage or pledge must be sold; and the one half off the mony passing the valour of the gage, must be delyuered to the owner, the other half to be put to the augmentacion of the sayd cofre; So that in no wyse the seyd cofre, with money aforseid, can cum to decaye or hinderaunce.

a man can borow but ones in the yere

(4) And if ony man borow money vpon a gage or pledg for one half yere, he shall borow no more vnto that seid yere be fully ended and past, oneles that an other man having as moch nede as he, can not be eased and helped with so moch mony vpon a gage as the other had before.

The office of the kepers

(5) And that the seid master of the gild, and his successors being masters of the gild, and the warden of the chapell church, being too kepers of the cofre, shall delyuer the other too kepers (being present) at the end of ther accomptes, the kayes of the cofre, and goodes being in the same, with the money, the gages and pledges, and the names of them that hath borowed, and the day of rescyving the money by Indentures made to the master of the gild and the warden of the church for the time being, the other too kepers also being present. And that the gages or pledges so delyuered to the kepers of the kayes may be alwayes kept within the foreseid cofre.

Too of the kepers be chosen euery yere.

(6) And so euery master of the gild, and the warden of the chapell church for the time being, shall alwayes reseyve of ther precessors the kayes, with the Indentures, of the seid cofre, and syxe honest, discrete, and most sufficient burgeces, bretherne of the gild, be present at the sight of the seid cofre, and delyueraunce of the seyd kayes, oneles that by covyne or euyll dispocicion (which god forbeed!) the cofre, with money and gages or pledges in the same, be conveyed away or dispoyled by ony other meanes; but that the seyd cofre with money may be ordered and disposed vnto the releef and ayde of poore folkes, according to the ordinaunce above specyfied.

(7) Provided alway that the Sacristen of the mynster for the time being may kepe alway one kaye of the cofre, and all other ordinaunc*es* that the seyd master Ioan Herwood haue made discretely and wysely at the day of the ordinaunce of the seid cofre, which do not repunge to this ordinaunce. I wille that my ordinaunc*es* be referred to those, except the provysions and ordinaunc*es* aboveseid. Dated and delyuered by my executo*urs*, at the gild hall, the saturday next after the purificacyone of our lady, the xxxv yere of the reigne of king Henry the syxte after the conquest. Febr. 1457.

The Minster Sacristan may keep one key of the Coffer.

But for as moche as we haue lerned and fownd, not onely of faythfull relac*ion*, but also by the openes off the dede, that the seid su*mm*e of xl li put in the seid chest*es* as ys aforeseid, by vnhedynes, blame, and neglygens of kepers of the kayes of the seid chest*es* before times passed, ys now diminysshed and wel nygh wasted and peyred, So that at the time of owr seid visitac*ion* ther was no money found in the seyd chest*es*, nor Iuelles or weddes ouer the su*mm*e of xiij li, vnto great hinderaunce, hurt, and p*re*iudyce of the poore people of the seid citie, sclaunder and peryll of the sowles of the seid kepers of the kayes, breking the ordinaunc*es* and last willes of the seid worshipfull men, master Ioan and master George, and also shrewd example to all other Christen people,

Now I found that, by

the negligens of kepers the £40

had come down to only £13, in money and securities.

Wherupon, we, considering that[1] apperteyneth to owr ordinary cure, to fauo*ur* and norysshe the thinge*s* that be rightfull,—and the thinge*s* that letten the p*ro*fyt of vertues, to correct and amend,—as moche as in vs ys; We therfore, couetinge due reformac*ion* to owr powr to be had in the p*re*misse*s*, by lawfull processe and by laborous and diligent inqu*isic*ion and examinac*ion*, haue fownd and geten xx li, being in diu*ers* mennes hande*s*, not lykely to haue ben recouered; the which su*mm*e of xx li, w*ith* the forseid su*mm*e of xiij li, making the su*mm*e of xxxiij li, We, be owr

Inquisition of the Deane.

But I have routed out £20 more in divers men's hands,

making a total of £33,

[1] That it.

ordinary power and auctoryte, and also by the will, consent and assent of William Rokeley, now being master of owr Lady of Lichefeld, and of other worthy, good and honest men, accustomed to haue rule of the seid gild, haue made and ordeyned to be put and keped from hensforth, in one chest, vnder the maner and fourme in the ordinaunce of the seid master George above expressed.

and I have orderd this to be kept in one chest.

But for as moch as, of the seid summe of xl li giuen and graunted by the seid master Ioan and master George (as it is before rehersed), the summe of vij li ys vtterly wasted and loste by the negligence of kepers of the kayes beforetime, So that now it can not be knowen nor fownd in ony wyse in whose handes yt restythe, We therfore, the Deane of the seyd cathedrall churche, —for the helth of owr soule, and for the wele and profit of the pore people of Lich*feld* aforeseid, and also that the last willes and ordinaunces of the forseid master Ioan and George hereafter may be duly obserued and kept, coueting and willing to fulfill, renew, and make hoole the seid summe off xl li,—We haue yeuen, graunted and delyuered the summe of vij li of lawfull money of Englond, of owr owne proper goodes, to be disposed in all maner wise after the fourme, strength and effecte of the ordinaunces of the seyd master George; and haue made and ordeyned the seid vij li to be put and kept in the seid chest with the seid summe of xxxiij li, for the which thing the master, the wardens, and the most worthy and worshipfull brether of the seyd gild, in ther name, and of other ther bretherne of the same,—moved of veray charite, and coueting spirituall giftes to be yelded for the seid temporall goodes yeuen and graunted by the seid master Ioan and master George, and also by vs, as ys before rehersed,— wyll, ordeyn and graunt that, as oftimes as the foure kayberers or ther deputies, and the seid borowers and

And as £7 of the money is clean gone,

I've made it good

the hole summe of xl li repared.

And I've orderd this £7 to be put with the £33 in the said one chest,

and that its 4 Key-bearers

refoorers, and euerycbe of them, shall deuoutly say before the highe auter, or som other auter next to the seid chest, a *pater noster* and aue maria [*next leaf*] For the helthe of the soules of the seid master Ioan and master George, and of oure soule, the Deane aforeseid, and that all the ordinaunces, willes and *grauntes* of the seid *master* Ioan and *master* George, owres, and other as above, ben had and made hereafter, more straitly, more diligently and effectually be obser*u*ed and kepte, We,—bi oure ordinary powre and auctoryte, and with and of the will, consent and assent of the most worthy, worshipfull and honest men of the seid Citie, brethern of the seid gild,—make and ordeyne, that from hensforth euery keper of the kayes of the seid chest, in the beginning of his office shal swere vpon a boke,—before the Deane of the seid cathedrall churche for the time being (or suche as shalbe in his steade), and also before the wardens and other vj worshipfull and honest men, brether of the seide gild,—that he shall truely obser*u*e and kepe, for his time, all and singuler ordinaunces, willes and grauntes abouesaid, in all maner of thinges after his powre; as in lykewise William Rokeley, now being master of the seide Gilde, Syr Ioan Paxon, Sacristen of the seid cathedrall church, Syr Nycolas Appulton, pryst of the seid gild, and Robert worth,[1] otherwise called Buggyn, warden of the seyd chapell, now kepers of the seyd kayes, haue sworne, and euery of them haue sworne, vpon a boke before vs, Deane aforeseid, and a great multitude of people being present in the seid chapell, and haue taken vpon them wilfully the charge of such maner keping.

shall more strictly keep the Regulations of Canons Herwood and Radelyf.

the othe of the kepers. And that every Key-keeper shall swear to keep the said Regulations truly.

The 4 Key-keepers are Gild-master Rokeley, Sacristan Paxon, Gild-priest Appleton, and Chapel-Warden Worth (or Buggyn).

Moreouer we will and ordeyne that in euery visitacion to be had and exercysed herafter in the seid chapell of our ladye, in oure time, or in time of Deanes

And I order that at every Visitation,

[1] The scribe first wrote "wortherwise," and then "worth" over the line.

special enquiry shall be made into the keeping of these Regulations,

oure successors for time being, amonge other, speciall and diligent inquisicion) to be made of obseruing and keping of all the forseid statutes, willes and ordinaunces. And yf ther be ony thing therof omytted or lost, or not performed or fulfilled, then we will and ordeyne

and all abuses reformd.

that due reformacion be made in that behalf, by the deane of the seid cathedrall church for the time being, to the pleasure of almyghtie god, and to the behofe and profyt of the pore people dwelling in Lichfeld aforeseid.

Also, that one copy of the Trust-Deed be kept in the Alms-Chest, and one in the Cathedral Treasury.

Furthermore we will and ordeyne that the one parte of the Indentures hereoff made, remayne in the forseid chest, and the other parte remayne in the treasure-house of the seid cathedrall church, for the more suretie, that in case doutfull or opinable [? questiones aryse], (which, god forbede!) recourse may be had thither for a certaynte to be had in the same. In faith and witnes of the which all singuler forseid thinges, at the request and instance of the master and wardens of the seid gild, and of many other moste worthy and worshipfull of comynalte of the seid cite, as well the seale of the office of owr Deanry which we vse in this behalf, as the comen seale of the seid gild, ben put to the seid indentures. Youen, as to sealing of the same, the first day of the moneth of Iune, the yere of oure lord .M.CCCC. lxxxvj./

Seald, 1 June, 1486.

FIRST EXTANT CHARTER OF THE LICHFIELD TAILORS.

6 April. 18 Elizabeth. A.D. 1576.

To all Chrystian people to whome this present wrytinge shaH come, gretyng in our' lord god everlastinge! Knowe ye, that whereas in the Parlyament holden at Westmynster' the xxv^th^ day of Ianuarie in the nynetenthe yere of the Reingne of our' late soveraigne lorde of famous memorye, Kynge Henry the seventhe[1] [A.D. 1504], it was inacted, ordeyned, and establisshed by our' saide soveraigne lorde, by the advise and consent of the lordes SpyrytuaH and Temporall, and the Commons of the saide Parlyament assembled, and by the aucthoritee of the same, that no masters, wardens and Felowshippes, craftes or mysteries, or any of them, nor any[2] Rulers of Guyldes or Fraternyties, should from thereforthe take vppon them to make any actes or ordynaunces, nor to execute any actes or ordynaunces by them afore that tyme made, or att any tyme then to come to be made, in disherytaunce or dymynucion of the kinge his prerogatyve, or of any other, nor against the common proffyte of the people, but if the same actes or ordynaunces were examyned or approved by the Chaunceller Tresorer of England, or Cheeffe Justices of either Benche, or three of them, of beffore bothe the Justices of Assise in theyr circuyte and progresse in

In 1504, Parliament

enacted (by 19 Hen. VII, c. 7)

that no Crafts should thenceforth make any Ordinances

except with the approval of (among others) Two Judges of Assise.

[1] The Act 'against making private and unlawful Statutes by Corporations' recites as its cause the expired Statute, 15 Hen. VI, c. 6, against Gilds &c. making 'many and unreasonable Ordinances, as well in Prices of Wares as other Things, for their own singular Profit, and to the common Hurt and Damage of the People.'

[2] ? nor any.

the Shere where suche actes & ordynaunces be made, vppon payne of forfeyture of Fortie pounde for every tyme that they doe the Contrarye, as in the saide acte more playnely dothe and may appeare, Nowe the Baylieffes and Cytezens, and the Master, Wardens and Combretheren of the mystery, crafte, and Scyence of the Taylers of the Citie of Lichffelde, willyng and desyringe the saide acte in euerye behalfe to be observed and kept, and the auncyent and lawdable customes vsed in the foresaide Cittie, tyme out of mynde, to be revyved, exercysed and put in vse, the sixthe day of Apryll, in the eigtenthe yere of the Raigne of oure Soveraigne Ladie Elizabethe, by the grace of god, of England, Fraunce and Irelande, quene, defender of the Faithe, &c., haue exhybyted and presented there humble petycion and request vnto vs, Edwarde Saunders Knyght, Lorde Cheefe Baron, and William Lovelace, Sericante att Lawe, Justices of Assize, within the country of Stafforde, with a booke conteynynge dyverse statutes, actes, and Ordynaunces devysed, ordeyned and made for the felowshippe of Taylers and there successors in the said Cittie, and for the common wealthe and conservacion (?) of the good and prosperous estate of the same misterye, and for the Better Rules, constytucions and ordynaunces of the same Felowshippe establysshed, ordeyned and vsed for the foresaide felowshippe of Taylors within the said Cittie of lichfelde, the libertyes, subburbes, and precynte of the same; And therevppon, hime instant, he desyred vs that we, all and euery the saide statutes, ordynaunces and Rules by the foresaid Bayliffes, Cytezens, Masters, Wardens, Combretheren and Felowshippe aforesaide and there predecessors, to the foresaide intent made, ordeyned and establyssed, would oversee, examyne, correcte and amend after suche manner and forme as the saide acte of Parlyamente rehersethe,

The Citizens and Tailors of Lichfield have now petitiond us, the Lord Chief Baron and Justice Lovelace (2 Judges of Assise), and shown us a new Book of Ordinances for the Lichfield Tailors, and have askt us to examine it.

We, weⁿ prooeyvinge the saide supplycac*i*on, and wayinge the petyc*i*on and desyeres in the same to vs given by the saide acte of Parlyament, Doe approve, ratifie, and allow all and singuler the actes, ordynaunces, statutes and Rules by the foresaide Baylieff*es*, Citezens, Master, Wardens, Combretheren and Felowshippe of the Taylers made, ordeyned and appoynted, the Tenor whereof ensuethe in form folowinge, that is to say:

We therefore approve and ratify all these Ordinances, which here follow:

Fyrste, that the Taylors w*i*thin the Cittie of Lichffelde may be allowed for a companye and Brotherhoode of the occupac*i*on of Tailors; and also that none that hathe not bynne Apprentyce w*i*thin the saide Cittie, be admytted to the saide occupac*i*on to occupie as a master, Iourney-man, or servaunte w*i*thin the said Cittie, excepte he be sworne vpon the Holie Evangeliste before the wardens of the saide company, to be obedient to the Master and Wardens of the saide occupac*i*on, for the tyme beynge, in all thynge*s* lawfuⁿ concernynge the saide occupac*i*on, and the statute*s*, rules, and ordynances towchynge or conc*er*nynge the same, and also dulie and trulie to observe and kepe all these statute*s* and ordynaunce*s* and euerye of them, vppon payne of forfeytynge for every tyme offendynge the contrarye, iij s iiij ᵈ, the one halff thereof to be to the Baylieff*es* of the saide Cittie, and the other halffe thereof to be to the vse of, and maynteina*un*ce of, the saide companye /

1. The Tailors in Lichfield form a Brotherhood, to which no one except Apprentices shall be admitted unless he swears to obey its Rulers and Rules, under a penalty of 3*s*. 4*d*.

[2] Item, It is ordeyned & agreed by the Master, Warden, and Combretheren of the saide occupac*i*on within the saide Cittie, that no Person or persons shaⁿ sette vppe and occupie as a master of the saide occupacion within the said Cittie, that hathe not bynne apprentyce to the same w*i*thin the saide Cittie, except he ffirste pay, before he open his shoppe-wyndowes, or occupie, or doe openlie any thinge or things towching

2. No one shall be a Master-Tailor except he has been a City Apprentice,

unless he pays 3*s.* 4*d.* to the Wardens at once,

and in a month joins the Brotherhood and pays £4,

or concerning the saide mysterie or crafte, iij s iiij ᵈ to the wardens of the said occupacion; and if he occupie there by the space of one monethe, that then he to be sworen Brother to the saide occupacion, and then to paye to the wardens of the saide occupacion iiij li for his Brotherhode; the one halff thereof to be to the Baylieffes and Citezens of the saide Cittie, and the other halff thereof to be to the use and mayntenaunce of the said occupacion; and if he or they will not obeye thes statutes and ordynaunces, that then he to paye and forfeyte for euery day he occupyethe after having warnynge by the wardens of the saide occupacion, iijs iiijᵈ, to the vses aforesaide.

under a Penalty of 3*s.* 4*d.*

3. No Apprentice shall set up as a Master till he pays

[3] Item, it is ordeyned and agreed by the ffellowshippe of the saide occupacion, that no person or persons shall sette vppe and occupie as a master of the saide occupacion within the saide Cittie, that hathe bynne apprentyce there to the same, but that he pay before he open his shoppe-windowes, or occupye or do anythinge or thinges openlye towchinge or concernynge the saide mysterie or crafte, to the master or wardyns of the saide occupacion, iij s iiij ᵈ; and if [he][1] occupie by the space of two moneths, then he to paye for his brotherhoode iij s iiijᵈ; the one halffe thereof to be to the Baylieffes and Cytezens of the same Cittie, and the other halffe thereof to the vse of the foresaide occupacion.

3*s.* 4*d.* at once,

and 3*s.* 4*d.* more in 2 months.

4. No Stranger shall work in the City unless

[4] Item, it is ordeyned that no foreygner beinge of the saide occupacion shall worke in any house or houses within the saide Cittie, wherebie the saide Masters and Bretheren of the saide occupacion shall or may be hyndered of there lyvyng, proffite or commodities, except he take a shoppe and worke openlie, accordynge to the statutes made in the tyme of kynge Henrie the

he takes a shop, as required by 28 Hen. VIII, c. 5.

[1] The omission of the article is regular. See Dr. Kellner's Introduction to *Blanchardyn.*

Eight,[1] vppon payne of forffeytinge for every day offendynge the contrarye, vj s viij d to the vses aforesaide / Penalty 6*s*. 8*d*. a day.

[5] Item, it is ordeyned and agreed that noe Combrother of the saide occupacion shall take any servante to teache hym his occupacion, vnder the Terme of Seven yeres, bounde by Indenture; and that they haue but twoe apprentyces at any one tyme; but that he att any tyme within two yeres, att thend of the last yeres of his former apprentyses, maye take one other to be bounde in forme aforesaide, vppon payne of forfeytinge, every one offendinge the contrary, xl s, the one halffe thereof to be to the Baylieffes and Cytezens of the same Cittie, and the other halffe thereof to the uses of the saide occupacion. 5. No Brother shall teach any one but a 7-years' Apprentice, or have more than 2 Apprentices, save in the last 2 years of any one's term. Penalty 40*s*.

[6] Item, it is ordeyned and agreed that if any of the saide occupacion, by the Iudgement of the Wardens of the saide Companye, shall be adiudged to destroy or marre any garment put to hym or them to be made, that then he or they to make recompence for the same to the Owner thereof, at the oversight of the Wardens of the saide occupacion for the tyme beinge, or ells he or they, for offendinge, to forfeyte and pay xl s to the vses aforesaide. 6. Brethren shall pay for all work they mar. Penalty 40*s*.

[7] Item, it is ordeyned and agreed that no Master or Combrother of the saide occupacion shall entise, mayntayne, or sette on worke any servaunt or apprentyce that is in Covenaunt with any of his Combretheren without lycense of his saide master, vppon payne of forfaytinge every day, after he hath knowledge or warnynge thereof by his othere master or wardens of the saide occupacion, vi s viiij d, the one 7. No Brother shall entice away another's Apprentice. Penalty 6*s*. 8*d*.

[1] See 21 Hen. VIII. c. 16, and 32 Hen. VIII. c. 16, also 5 Eliz. c. 4. See also the Act 14 & 15 Hen. VIII. c. 2, limiting Aliens' Apprentices to two, and putting alien handicraftsmen within two miles of London City under the Gild-Wardens of their Handicrafts. This was made perpetual by 21 Hen. VIII. c. 16. See 28 Hen. VIII. c. 5.

halffe thereof to be to the Baylieffes and Cytezens of the saide Cittye, and the other halffe thereof to be to the vse of the saide occupacion.

8. Brethren shall not be absent from Meetings.

[8] Item, it is ordeyned and agreed that no Master or Combrother of the saide occupacion, shall absent hymselffe ffrom his Combretheren when he is lawffully warned by the Wardens of the saide occupacion or there deputies, except he haue a reasonable cause allowed, and approved after by the Master and Wardens of the saide company, vppon payne of forfaytinge for every tyme offending the Contrary, xij^{d}, to the vses aforesaide.

Penalty 12*d*.

9. Apprentices claiming the Freedom of the Brotherhood shall, in their last year, be sworn to keep the Ordinances.

[9] Item, it is ordeynd and agreed that from henceforth all masters havinge any servaunte or apprentise of the saide occupacion that will clayme any ffredome or pryvyledge within this Cittie, by reason of his servyce or prentisshippe, that they the saide servauntes or apprentyces shall resorte within the last Yere of his Terme, and come before the Baylieffes of the said Cittie, and the Masters and Wardyns of the saide occupacion for the tyme beinge, and then and there to be sworen to obey and Keepe all ordynances and Statutes made or vsed concernynge the saide occupacion, and then and there haue or offer or tender his name entred before the saide Bayelieffes, Master, and Wardyns of the saide occupacion, or ells to lose his libertee and Freedome for ever.

10. Yearly, within a month of June 24, Midsummer Day, a Master and 2 Wardens shall be chosen,

[10] Item, it is ordeyned and agreed that yerely, within one monethe after the feast of the Natyvitie of Saynte Iohn Baptiste, there shalbe a Master of the saide occupacion and two Wardyns chosen, the saide Master to be chosen contynually by The officers the Yere before, and the Wardyns to be chosen yerely by the consent of the combretheren of the saide occupacion, and they to be officers vntill that day twelvemonethe, and they in there yere shall take payne to

levye and gather' all suche Duties and forfeytures, as shall happen to be dewe in there yere; and also yearlie on the saide day of the saide eleccion shall make a treue accoumpt to the saide Baylieffes of all suche money as they shall haue Received, or be charged withe the receipte of in there yere; and also then and there yelde and paye to the saide Baylieffes, the one halffe of suche forfeytures and somes of money as shall happen to be deue vnto them in that yere past; And also make yerely on the same daye one convenyent and competent Dynner to all the Masters and combretheren of the saide occupacion; and euery one of them to pay porcion like towarde the charges of the foresaide dynner; And if any Combrother be absent att that tyme, then he or they so beynge absent, to paye like porcion to the Boxe or common-stocke as the Masters pay at there Dinner, vppon payne of forfaytinge for euery tyme offendynge the contrary, iij s iiij d, to be devyded as before is saied /

to levy dues and forfeits,

account for all monies,

pay half to the City Bailiffs,

and hold a Dinner for the Brethren,

each paying his share.

Penalty 3*s.* 4*d.*

[11] Item, it is ordeyned and agreed that yt shalbe lawffull for the Master and Wardens of the saide occupacion, by the assistaunce of the Sergeantes of the saide Cittie for the tyme beynge, for everye somme of money aforesaide, and due by meanes of these ordynaunces, to distrayne; and the distresse so taken to withholde, vntill suche tyme [as] the summe so fforfeyted be paide.

11. The Master and Wardens may distrain for penalties.

All whiche Ordynaunces, statutes, Rules and constytucions above mencioned, we the saide Justices, accordinge to the Acte of Parlyament above remembred, and by the auctoryte to vs geven by the same, doe approbrate, and allowe to be and stande in force and effecte accordynge to the purporte of the same. Provided always, that if any ambiguytie, doubt, or questyon shall hereafter happen to arise vppon the takinge, construccion or meanynge of any article, clause

These Ordinances, we, the Lord Chief Baron and Justice Lovelace, approve.

Provided that all questions as to the meaning of the Ordinances

or sentence conteyned in this present Booke, or that any person or persons shall at any tyme hereafter complayne and declare them-selves to the Justices of Assise of this Countie of Stafford for the tyme beinge, that they be vexed or trowbeled in bodie or goodes by reason of these ordynaunces aforsaide, or any of them, otherwise than by the lawes and statutes of this Realme they oughte to be, by the abvsynge, mysinterpretacion or mystakinge of these ordynaunces or any of them, that then, not onlye the same ambyguitye, doubt, or questyon, to be ffrom tyme to tyme discussed, reformed and revoked by the saide Justices of Assise, but also all the saide ordynaunces or euery of them, by the discrecion of the saide Justices of Assise, or any of them for the tyme beinge, to be vtterly made frustrate and voyde, as to hym or them shall seeme good. Yeven at the towne of Stafford in the seid county of Stafford, in our Circuit & progress, the day and yere first above written.

and all complaints of outsiders

shall be settled by the Justices of Assise.

Given at Stafford, April 6, 1576.

[Signed]

Edward Saunders [Lord Chief Baron]

William Lovelace [Sergeant at Law].

[A new Charter for the Lichfield Tailors, dated July 23, 1687, was engrost for execution (and a copy on parchment made of it), but was never executed: it has no seal on the parchment tag prepared for one, and it has no signatures. Nearly ten years later, another Charter, dated May 30, 1697, which is printed below, was duly executed, or signd and seald. It contains 16 Clauses, including almost all the 12 clauses of the proposed Charter of 1687, but differs in certain particulars which are noted in the footnotes to the print of it which follows here.]

SECOND EXTANT CHARTER OF THE LICHFIELD TAILORS.[1]

May 30, 1697.

[2]To all Christian People to whom these presents shall come, George Newell, gent*leman*, and Roger Wright, Gent*leman*, the now Bailiffs of the City of Lichfield, and their one and twenty brethren of the corporac*i*on of the said City, Citizens of the said City, send Greeting in our Lord God Everlasting: /.[2]

The 2 Bailiffs

and 21 Brethren of Lichfield Corporation greet you.

Whereas the Trade of a Taylor within the City and County of the City of Lichfield is, and long hath been, a very laudable and antient trade, and very beneficiall for the educac*i*on of many young persons Inhabiting in and neare the said City; and forasmuch as Stra*u*ngers & Forèigners not haveing served as apprentices within the said City, [3]and others which have not fully served their apprentishippe to the said Trade, have endeavored to sett up the said Trade in the said City, and after some short time have pretended to the like immunityes, priviledges, and Freedoms, as those that have actually served their apprenttishippe in the said City, or purchased their Freedome, & are Denizens or Freemen thereof,[3] By Reason whereof many deceipts, disorders, and irregularityes have Crept in and bin vsed amongst the said Taylors, to the desperagement of their

As strangers not apprentist in Lichfield have set up as Tailors,

[1] In the margin is a round denoting stamp mark, 'No 8 at 12*d*.' The Revenue stamp of '1 Shilling' is below.

[2–2] The proposed Charter of 1687 was to be from the Mayor and Aldermen, and has not this first paragraph. I don't note every variation of that Charter, but only the chief ones.

[3–3] Not in proposed Charter of 1687.

and so harmd the Tailors who were apprentist in the City,

Trade, discouragement of those who might bee apprentices, and impoverishing of such as have served their apprentishippe in the said City, and are Freemen thereof; For Remedy whereof the Taylors within

the Lichfield Tailors have askt us to make them a Company,

the said City have petitioned us, the said Bailiffs and Citizens of the said City, that they may bee made a Company and Society within the said City, Whereof

with a Master and 2 Wardens,

One to bee nominated and called by the name of the "Master," and two others by the name of "Wardens,"

and to grant them fresh Ordinances.

of the said Company of Taylors, and to Grant vnto them severall by-laws and Ordinances, for the better manageing the said Trade, and Redressing the said Greivances; Now know yee, that wee, the said [1]Bailiffs

We Bailiffs and Citizens do therefore

and Citizens[1] of the said City,—considering the said petic*i*on, and being desirous to regulate and Rectifye the said disorders and irregularityes for the future,—Doe (according to the power and autority given unto us by the Charter of our late Soveraigne Lord King [2]Charles the second, and other his Royall progenitors[2]),

grant these Lichfield Tailors the Ordinances following:

by, and with one assent, consent, and agreement, Grant, appoynt, and Make The orders, constitucions, Ordinances, and by-Lawes, herein-after menc*i*oned and contayned, to bee for ever hereafter duly observed & kept by [3]all and every person and persons vseing or ffolloweing the Trade of a Taylor, within the *said* City and County of Lichfield[3]: /.

1. The Tailors of Lichfield are and shall be

Impr*i*mis, Wee doe Grant, agree, order, and appoynt, That the Tailors within the said City of Lichfield, shall for ever hereafter bee, and are hereby made,

a Brotherhood or Company.

a Company and Society w*i*thin the said City, & called by *the* name of "the Maister, Wardens, and Brotherhood of the Company of Taylors," and by that name shall sue & bee sued./

1–1 Mayor and Aldermen, 1687.
2–2 James the Second. 1687.
3–3 the sayd Trade and Company of Taylors. 1687.

[2] Item, Wee doe hereby Constitute, Nominate and appoynt Isaack Mat[c]hett to bee The First maister of the said Company, and Thomas Lauder and Thomas Ashmole to be *the* First Wardens[1] of the said Company, who shall continue in those respective places & offices, vntill the Feast of *Saint* John Baptist next ensueing; And that Richard Herbert, Thomas Richards, Abraham Taylor [1½ *lines of names scratcht out and markt over*][2] bee of the said Company and Brotherhood; And that the said Company shall & may have and keep a Booke for the Entering of all penaltyes, Fines, Composic*i*ons, and Forfeitures, and for the Inrolling the names of all Freèmen and apprentices belonging to the said Trade & Company; And that the said Company shall and may receive and take one Moyety, or halfe parte of all paynes, penaltyes, Fines, Forfeitures, and Composic*i*ons, to the vse and behoofe of the Bayliffs & Citizens of the said City for the time being (Except as herein-after is Excepted), and the other Moyety or halfe part of the said Fines, Forfeitures, paynes and penaltyes, to the proper vse of the said Company of Taylors, The said Company of Taylors, being assisted by the servants & Officers, of the said Bayliffs and Citizens, and their successers, for the Gathering & Collecting the same.

2. Isaac Matchett is the 1st. Master, and T. Lauder and T. Ashmole the first Wardens, till June 24.

The Company shall have a Book for Fines, and names of Freemen and Apprentices.

Half the Fines, &c., shall go to the City,

and half to the Tailors' Company.

[3] Item, Wee do hereby order,[3] ordeyne and appoynt that noe Foreigner or stranger who hath not

3. No one who hasn't

[1] Jonathan Alport, Master of the Company, and Thomas Richards and Isaac Matchett, Wardens. 1687.

[2] The Charter of 1687 says 'William Bond, Samuel Emery, Richard Herbert, Jonathan Alport, Thomas Richard, James Matchett, Michael Lamb, William Sandles, Thomas Hossard, Thomas Mashader, Francis Shaw, Symon Twiford, Charles Gee, Ralph Spencer, Theophilus Bott, Arthur Stanford, Edmund Bond, Abraham Taylor, Samuel Emery junior, Thomas Ashmold, Thomas Parker, Elizabeth Smith, Thomas Bradock, Edward Shaw, & Henry Bond (&) Thomas Launder.

[3] Parts of the next six lines in the MS. are too worn to be read, and are therefore printed from the copy of it made in 1726.

been Apprentice in the City for 7 years may be a Tailor there

been an apprentice by Indenture, or served as an apprentice by the space of Seaven years to the said Trade within the said City, shall vse or exercise the said Trade within the said City, untill hee or they shall have ffirst payd, or secured to bee payd, to the Maister and Warden of the said Company for the time being, for his or their Freedom to the said Trade, the

until he pays the Company £10 for his Freedom,

sume of Tenn Pounds, or otherwise agreed and compounded with the said Master and Wardens, or the Major parte of the said Company, by and with the Consent of the Bayliffs[1] of the said City for the time

and is sworn

being, nor before hee shall bee sworn a Freeman of the said Company within the said City, (in the presence of the Maister and wardens of the said Company, or one of them), before the Bayliffs of the said City, or one of them, and the Towne clerke of the said City or his

and enrold a Freeman of the Company.

sufficient Deputy, and bee inrolled a Freeman of the said Company by the said Towne Clerke or his Deputy, On payne of Forfeiting to the said Maister & Wardens for the time being, to the vses before mencioned, the

Penalty, 40*s.* a month.

sume of Forty shillings *per* mensem, for every month any person or persons shall offend in the premises, or act contrary to this Order or Ordinance: /.

4. All who take

[4][2] Item, It is hereby ordered and ordeyned that every person and persons,—as well those that have served their apprentishipps within this City, as those

the Freeman's oath shall swear allegiance to the King,

that purchase or Compound for their Freedome,—shall, in takeing the oath of a Freeman, bee sworne to bear Fayth and true allegiance to the King & his lawfull

[1] the Mayor. 1687. That Charter omits the next part about being sworn a Freeman: the man is only to be sworn to be obedient to the Major, Master and Wardens (almost as in Article 4, below) 'in all things lawfull concerninge the occupacion or Trade of Taylors, and the good Orders, Rules and Ordinances concerninge the same.' The penalty is 40*s.* a month, as above.

[2] This Article 4 is not in the proposed Charter of 1687, except as mentioned in the last footnote.

Successors, to bee obedient to the Bayliffs of the said City, and to the Maister and Wardens of the said Company for the time being, in all lawfull things concerning the said trade, and to observe the Orders, Rules and Ordinances made to the Company of Taylors aforesaid, to bear and pay Lott and Scott as other Freemen of the said City, and to defend the said City to the best of their power, For which oath and Inrollment of such Freedome, there shall be payd by each party sworne and Inrolled, Viz^t^. To the Bayliffs for the time being, Three shillings Fourepence; To the Town clerke, Three shillings Fourepence; and To the Maister and Wardens of the said Company, Three shillings Fourepence.

and obedience to the City Bailiffs and the Tailors' Company,

and to pay Lot and Scot.

Fees: 3 sums of 3*s.* 4*d.*

[5] Item, Forasmuch as the takeing apprentices for a short time, and the takeing many apprentices by any one person of the said Trade, hath bin found very prejudiciall to the said Trade within the said City, It is therefore hereby ordered, Ordeyned and appoynted, That noe Maister or Freeman of the said Trade within the said City, shall att any time hereafter take any apprentice, or person to serve as an apprentice, for lesse time than Seaven years, wherein noe Fraud shall bee vsed by antedateing the Indenture or articles by which such apprentice shall bee bound, Nor more time than three months allowed for tryall or likeing of such apprentice; And that noe Maister or Freeman of the said Trade now haveing, or which hereafter shall have one apprentice, shall take any other apprentice till Five years bee expired of his First Apprentice time; and soe from time to time shall not take any apprentice oftner than once in Five yeares, (Except where or when it shall happen that any apprentice shall dye, Goe to serve the King, or Run away from his maister, Or bee and continue soe long sick upon his Maisters lands as that the Maister and Wardens of the said

5. To stop too many Apprentices, no Master or Freeman tailor shall take an Apprentice for less than 7 years,

or oftener than once in 5 years, unless his Apprentice shall run away or die;

then he may take a Substitute,

Company, or the Major part of them shall agree (if necessary) to allow such Maister another apprentice instead of such Sicke, dead or Runaway apprentice, to preserve his said Maisters Custome and Trade: In which case only, such Freeman or Maister may take another apprentice), Caution & notice thereof being First given by such Maister or Freeman to the Maister & Wardens of the said Company for the time being, of the departure & losse of such apprentice from his service; And the same being approved by the Maister, Wardens and Company, or the Major part of them, that the same was not occasioned, contrived, Feigned or Consented unto by such Freeman or Maister, On payne of Forfeiting to the Maister and Wardens of the said Company, to the vses aforesaid, for every offence against this Ordinance or any Clause of it, Five Pounds: /.[1]

If the Company approve.

6. Every Apprentice's name shall be enterd within a month in the Company's Book.

[6] Item, It is hereby Ordered, Ordeyned and appoynted, That every Maister or Freeman that shall take any apprentice, shall, within One month after hee shall soe take or receive such apprentice, Enter the name of such apprentice with the Maister & wardens for the time being, On payne of Forfeiting to the said Maister and Wardens for the time being, to the vses aforesaid, the summe of Three shillings Foure pence for every month he shall neglect soe doeing; for which Entrance, there shall bee payd to the Maister & Wardens for the time being, Two shillings Six pence /.

Penalty 3s. 4d. a month.

Fee, 2s. 6d.

7. No Apprentice shall set up as

[7] Item, It is hereby Ordeyned, appoynted and agreed, that noe person or persons (although hee or they shall have served an apprenticeshipp to the said trade within the said City) shall sett up or doe any

[1] For this Article 5, the proposed Charter of 1687 has an Article 4, that no Master or Freeman shall take more than one Apprentice for 7 years; but that when 5 years of this time are expired, he may take another Apprentice for 7 years.

act or thing openly touching or concerning the said Mistery or trade of a Taylor, as a Maister thereof, or shall bee sworne or admitted a Freeman of the said Trade, before hee or they shall have Compounded with the Maister & Wardens for the time being, for his or their Freedome, and shall have actually paid to such Maister & Wardens such summe of money (not exceeding Twenty shillings, nor lesse than Six shillings Eight pence) as shall be sett and appoynted by such Maister & Wardens, and Major part of the said Company;[1] The one Moyety whereof shall bee to the vse of the said Bayliffs and Citizens & their Successors, and the other Moyety to the vse of the said Company: /.

a Tailor in Lichfield

till he's compounded for his Freedom,

and paid from 6*s*. 8*d*. to 20*s*.

[8] Item, It is Ordered, Ordeyned and appointed, that noe Maister or Combrother of the said Company, shall entice away, imploy, entertaine, sett on worke, the servant, Journeyman, or apprentice, of any of his Combrethren, without the Licence of the Maister of such servant, Journeyman or apprentice, with whom hee or they last worked, upon payne of fforfeiting to the Maister and Wardens for the time being, to the vses aforesaid, for every day after Notice given by the Maister from whom Such Servant, Journeyman, or apprentice shall soe depart, or by the Wardens of the said Company for the time being, or any of them, unto the *said* Maister that shall soe entice away, imploy, Entertaine, or sett on worke any such Servant, Journey man or apprentice, that shall (as afors*aid*) Leave his Maister, the summe of six shillings Eightpence: /.

8. No Master or Brother shall entice away another's Apprentice.

Penalty 6*s*. 8*d*. a day.

[9] Item, It is Ordered, ordeyned and appoynted That if any Maister or freeman of the said Trade, or Combrother, haveing Reasonable notice and warning

9. No Freeman shall be absent from Company Meetings.

[1] The Charter of 1687 makes 3*s*. 4*d*. payable before the person setting up as a Tailor does 'anything openly touching or concerninge the said Mystery or Craft,' and another 3*s*. 4*d*. 'if he occupy for the space of two Months.'—Article 5.

of any Meeting to bee appoynted by the Maister & Wardens of the said Company for the time being, shall, without reasonable excuse (to bee allowed and approved by the Maister and Wardens), absent himself from such meeting, such person soe absenting shall, for every such default or absence, forfeit & pay, to the vse of the Company of Taylors only, Two Shillings Sixpence : /.[1]

Penalty, 2*s.* 6*d.*

10. All who claim the Freedom of the Trade in Lichfield shall first enroll their names in the Company's Book,

[10] Item, It is hereby ordered, ordeyned, and agreed that every person or persons who shall claime any Freedome or priviledge of the said Trade within the said City, doe ffirst Inroll his or their name or names with the Maister & Wardens of the *said* Company for the time being, for which he shall pay the summe of Three shillings Fourpence; And in case hee shall neglect soe doeing, then hee or they soe neglecting, shall forfeit the summe of Three shillings Fourepence for every month hee or they shall neglect soe doeing,—after Notice thereof given by the said Maister and Wardens,—to the vse of the said Company of Tailors only : /.

and pay 3*s.* 4*d.*

Penalty, 3*s.* 4*d.* a month.

11. No Freeman shall take a Stranger

[11] Item, It is alsoe Ordered, Ordeyned, and appoynted that noe Maister or Freeman of the said trade within the *said* City, shall take any Foreigner, Stranger or others not being free of the said Company, or haveing served as an apprentice within the *said* City by the space of Seaven Yeares, to be his or their Partner or Partners, or otherwise to worke than only as a Journeyman in the said trade, upon payne of fforfeiting to the *said* Maister & Wardens of the *said* Company for the time being, for every weeke after notice thereof given by the Maister & Wardens, or any of them, Thirteen shillings Foure pence; one moyety thereof to the vse of the Bayliffs of the *said* City for

as partner.

Penalty, 13*s.* 4*d.* a week.

[1] twelvepence, 1687.

the time being, and the other Moyety to the vse of the said Company of Taylors : /.

[12] [1] Item, It is Ordered, Ordeyned, and appoynted and agreed, that yearly and every yeare for ever hereafter, upon *the* Feast of the Nativity of St. John Baptist, or within one moneth after, there shall bee a succeeding Master and Wardens chosen out of the said Company, for *the* year next ensueing, which Master shall be chosen by the Wardens for the time being (but in default of their Eleccion, then by the said Company or the Major part of them); And the two Wardens shall be chosen by the Company or the major part of them; And that the said Master & Wardens shall take care for, & cause the Collecting and receiveing of all such forfeitures, paynes & penaltyes as shall happen within their Respective Years, and shall make a true accompt thereof to the Bayliffs of the City for the time being, And to the said Company of Taylors, upon the day of the Eleccion of such new Master and Wardens yearly, and shall then pay and deliver up unto the Bayliffs of the said City for the time being, One Moyety of the Fines, Forfeitures, penaltyes, Composicions, & other moneys as shall bee become due, forfeited, or payable to the said Bayliffs and Citizens of the said City for the time being, and the said Company of Taylors;[2] And the other Moyety they shall then likewise (or within Ten days after) pay and deliver up to the next Succeeding Master and Wardens, together alsoe with all such other moneys as shall bee due to the said Company, or remaine in their hands, in the Foot of their accompts, upon payne that each person makeing default or False accompts shall

12. Yearly, on 24 June,

or a month after,

the 2 Wardens shall elect a Master,

and the Company shall elect 2 Wardens,

to see to the Penalties, &c.,

and account for them,

and pay one half of them to the City Bailiffs,

and the other half to the next Master and Wardens.

[1] Second or small skin of the Charter : circular denoting stamp 'No. 2 at 5*d*.' Revenue stamp '1 Shilling.'

[2] 'All such forfeitures' go to the Master and Wardens under the proposed Charter of 1687.—Article 10.

Penalty, £5.

Respectively forfeit to the Bayliffs and Citizens of the said City the summe of Five Pounds; whereof One Moyety shall be to the vse of the said Bayliffs and Citizens, And the other Moyety to the vse of the said Company of Taylors.

13. The Tailors' Company shall have a Box with 3 keys,

[13] Item, It is hereby ordered, & ordeyned[1] & agreed, that there shall bee provided a Box, with three Locks and three Keys, for the vse of the [2]said Company, which Box, and one of the said Keys, shall bee kept by the Master of the said Company for the time being, and the other two Keys by the Wardens of the said Company for the time being; and in Case the Master and Wardens, or any of them, shall happen to dye, or bee Removed within that year wherein they shall soe bee Master and Wardens, That they the said Company, or the Major part of them, shall elect a new Master, Warden or Wardens, instead of him or them soe dying or being removed, Which new Master & Warden or Wardens soe of new to bee Elected, shall continue & bee in *the* office or places to which hee or they shall bee soe elected, vntill the next publick day of Eleccion of Master and Wardens of y^e^ said Company; And that the said Company shall & may elect and have One fitt person to attend them, who shall be called by the name of their 'Beadle': /.

of which the Master and Wardens shall keep one each.

The Company shall also have a Beadle.

14. The Company shall hold 3 Meetings a year,

besides that for electing a Master and Wardens.

[14][3] Item, It is ordered, ordeyned and appoynted, that the Master & Wardens of the said Company shall yearly and every year hereafter, appoint and Cause three Meetings besides that for the Eleccion of Master & Wardens yearly, to concert[1] the matters and interest of the said trade; One of which meetings shall bee *w*ithin 14 dayes after Mich*aelmas*,[1] one other *w*ithin Fourteen dayes after Christmas, and the third Within fourteen days after Lady day, On payn that the Master

[1] ? MS. [2] Col. 2 of second Skin.

[3] This Article is not in the proposed Charter of 1687.

and Wardens soe neglecting to appoynt such meetings shall, for every default, Forfeit Twenty shillings a-piece, to the vses of the said Bayliffs, Citizens, & Company of Taylors. Penalty on not calling such Meetings 20*s*.

[15] Item, It is hereby alsoe ordered, ordeyned and agreed, that it shall and may bee lawfull to and for the Master & Wardens of the said Company for the time being,—with the Assistance of the Serjeants att Mace of the said City for the time being (as the Charter of *the* said City doth in that behalfe impower),—to demand, collect & gather all such Fines, Forfeitures and penaltyes as shall bee forfeited by any person or persons whomsoever, offending against the Orders, Ordynances, and appoyntments aforesaid, and upon refusall of payment, to Destreyne for the same; And the Distress or Distresses soe to bee had or taken, to keepe and detayne vntill such Forfeitures, Fines and penaltyes, together with the charges thereby occasioned, bee fully payd and satisfyed: /. 15. The Master and Wardens (assisted by the City Serjeant) shall collect the Company's fines and penalties, and distrain for the same.

[16] Item, it is hereby ordered, ordeyned, and agreed that the Master & Wardens for the time being, & such and soe many of the Brotherhood as the Master and Wardens shall direct, shall be attending upon the Bayliffs[1] of the *said* City for *the* time being, on Sondays, to the Chappell & Cathedrall Church, & other publick meetings, as the Bayliffs for the time being shall require, On payne that every One neglecting such meeting without reasonable excuse, shall forfeit Twelvepence each time, to the uses aforesaid. In Witnesse whereof, Wee the said [2]Bayliffs, and One and Twenty Brethren, have att a Comon Hall hereto[2] affixed our Comon Seal, the Third day of May, in the Ninth Yeare of the Raign of Our Soveraigne Lord, William 16. The Officers and Brotherhood shall attend the Bailiffs at Sunday Cathedral Services, &c. Penalty, 12*d*. Common Seal of the City of Lichfield affixt.

[1] Major. 1687.
[2–2] Major and Aldermen have hereunto 1687.

3 May, 1697. the Third,[1] by the Grace of God, of England, Scotland, France and Ireland, King, defender of the Fayth, &c, Anno Domini 1697 : /.

[Signd] Geo Newell. Roger Wright.
Bayliffs.[2]

[1] the five and twentith day of July in the third year of the Raigne of our Soveraigne Lord, James the Second. 1687.

[2] The copy has at its end : "Concordat hæc Copia cum Originali. Exa*minatum* decimo Novembri, Annò D*omini* 1726."

FIRST EXTANT ORDINANCES OF THE LICHFIELD SMITHS' GILD.

3 Aug. 1601.

To all Christian people to whome this *pre*sent wryting shall come, greeting in *our* Lord God everlasting!

Knowe yeé that whereas peace *pre*serveth and maketh comon-wealthes to flouryshe, and discorde decayeth and distroyeth the same, And there can be no peace where there are noe lawes to releyve and reward the honest and vertuous, and to correct and chastice the wicked and reprobate, And whereas at the *par*liament holden at westmynster, the fyve and twentith daye of Ianuarie, in the nynetenth yeare of the Raigne of the laite kynge of famous memorye, Henrye the Seaventh, yt was enacted that noe maysters, wardens, and fellowshippes of Craft*es* or mysteryes, or any of theym, nor any rulers of Guild*es* or Fraternyties should take vpon theym to make any act*es* or ordynances, ne to execute any act*es* or ordynances by theym theretofore made in disheritance or dymynuc*i*on of the *pre*rogatyue of the kyng, nor of other, nor agaynst the com*m*on proffytt of the people, but if the same act*es* or ordinanc*es* be examyned and approved by the Chancello*u*r, Treasorer of England, or cheife Iustice, of eyther benche, or three of theym, or bifore both the Iustic*es* of Assises in their Cyrcuyt or *pro*gresse in the Shire where such act*es* or ordynanc*es* be made, vpon payne of forfiture of fortie poundes for every tyme that they doe the con-

As Peace makes Commonwealths flourish,

and cannot exist without good Laws,

and as Parliament in 1503

enacted that no Crafts should thenceforth make

any Ordinances

save with the approval of Two Judges of Assise,

the Smiths and like trades

of Lichfield

have askt us, Justices Walmysley and Warburton,

to approve their Ordinances here following:

1. Every year,

on the Friday after Nov. 23,

the Brethren shall meet,

trary. **Nowe** the Mayster, wardens and fellowship of the Craftes & mysteries of Smythes, goldsmythes, Ironmongers, Cardmakers, Pewtereres, Plumbers, Cutlers & Spurryers in the Cyttie of Lychfeild, being an auncient Societie of Mayster, two wardens, & Fellowship of the mysteries aforesaid, according to the said act of parliament haue made humble peticion vntò Thomas Walmysley and Peter Warburton, two of her maiesties Iustices of the common Benche, & Iusticès of Assyse, as well in the County of Stafford (within which countie the said Cyttye of Lychfeild hath auncientlye been) as in the countie of the said Cyttie of Lychfeild, that it would please theym to examyne & approve the actes & ordinances hearunder wrytten, being some of theym auncient, & some of theym newe and latelie set downe, before the same should haue the name, or be published or sett forthe as any actes or ordinances, that vnder their approbacion the state of the said Craftes & mysteries in the said Cyttie might be prosperous, and their common welthe florishe :—

[1] **Imprimis**,—according to the commendable custome vsed as well in the said Cyttie as in other Cytties and townes within this Realme of England, that the governours of corporacions, fellowships and Societies are yearlie changed, and new chosen in their places, It is nowe, therefore,—by the Mayster & two wardens and fellowship of the said craftes and mysteries within the said Cyttye of Lychfeild—ordeyned, & ordered that there shalbe yearlie, on frydaye next after the feast day of St. Clement, a metinge at some place convenyent within the said Cyttie, by the Mayster & wardens & thothers of the bretheren of the said Societie or fellowshipp, or the greater nomber of theym, betwene the howers, of eight & eleaven of the clocke in the aforenoone of the same day, where the greater nomber of theym so meetinge togeather shall & may procede to

the newe eleccion of a newe maister & wardens; & when their eleccion is so made, the maister & wardens so chosen & made, shall contynue Maister & wardens of the said fellowship for that one yeare following, & vntill a new M*aister* & wardens be chosen as aforesaid, if the same be made within fowertene dayes next after the ende of the said yeare. Neuertheles, if eyther the Maister or wardens for the tyme being, or any of theym, shall dye within the yeare, or departe from the said Cittie & dwell elswhere, then the bretheren of the said societie shall, in euerye such case as occasion serveth, call a new assemblie at some convenient place within the said Cyttie, & procede to a newe eleccion in maner & forme aforesaid, to supplie euery such defect, & to contynue out the remnant of the yeare in which such defect happeneth. And if any, being a freman of the said Crafte*s* & Mysteries within the same Cyttie, shall—after notice gyven or sent vnto him of the tyme & place by the Maister of the said Crafte*s* & Mysteries for the tyme being—willinglie or without reasonable excuse absent himself, & not be present at euery such eleccion within the said Cyttie, that then euery of theym so being absent shall forfett vnto the Maister, Wardens & fellowship of the said Crafte*s* & Mysteries for the tyme being, six shillinge*s*, eight pence, wherof the moytie shalbe to their common box, & thother moytie to the poore people within the said Cyttie, to be distributed at the discrecion of the m*aister* & wardens for the tyme being.

and elect a new Master and 2 Wardens

to continue for a year, and till their successors are chosen.

But if any die,

substitutes shall be elected at a new Meeting.

Any Freeman

not present at an Election shall

be fined 6*s*. 8*d*.

[2] **Item**, it is further ordeyned by the said Maister, wardens & fellowship, that none of theym shall at any tyme take any apprentice or covena*unt*-servant for shorter tearme then seaven yeares, & that within the yeare after the retayner of any such servant, aswell the proper name & sirename of the m*aister* as of such servant, & the nomber of yeares to be by him served,

2. No apprentice shall be taken

for less than 7 years.

togeather with the facultie in which he is to be trayned vp, shalbe by the maister & servant inrolled or put in writing in a booke of the said Craftes & mysteries, which shall from tyme to tyme remayne with the senior of the two wardens for the tyme being.

3. No man shall carry on a trade of the Company

[3] **Item**, it is ordeyned & established by the said Maister, wardens & fellowship, that no man shall hearafter sett vp & exercyse his occupacion in any of the said Craftes or mysteryes within the said Cyttie (except such as haue bene apprentice in the same Cittie according to the ordynaunce next before) other then such as shall first agree with the maister & wardens of the said Craftes or Mysteries for the tyme being, & be admytted & allowed by theym, vpon payne to forfeyt for euery such offence six shillinges eight pence, the moitie whereof shalbe to the Common box, & thother moitie to the poore people within the said Cittie, to be distributed at the discrecion of the Maister & wardens for the tyme being.

unless he has paid and been admitted to it.

Penalty 6*s.* 8*d.*

4. Seven-year Apprentices shall

[4] **Item**, that euery one which haith, or hearafter shall haue served any apprentyship in any of the said Craftes or mysteries within the said Cittie for the space of seaven yeares, or for any longer tearme, shalbe by his Maister made free of the same mysterye, if the said servant be desirous soe to be, & be admytted & allowed as aforesaid, & will pay to the Maister, wardens and fellowship of the same Craftes and mysteries within the said Cittie for the tyme being, six shillinges eight pence; vpon payne that euery maister[1] offending against this ordinaunce shall forfayt to the Maister, wardens & Fellowship of the said craftes or mysteries, twenty shillinges; the moitie of which penaltie shalbe to the Common box, & thother moitie therof to the poore people of the said Cittie, to be distributed at the discrecion of the Maister & wardens for the tyme being.

be made free of the Company by their masters

on paying 6*s.* 8*d.*

Penalty 20*s.*

[1] That is, Master of an apprentice.

[5] **Item**, that no person of any of the said Craftes or misteries not hauing bene apprentice within the said Cittie as aforesaid, shall set vp or exercise any of the said Craftes or mysteries within the said Cittie, vnles he be first admitted & sworne a brother of the said fellowship, & pay for the same vnto the maister & wardens for the tyme being, tenn poundes; vpon payn to forfeyt vnto the maister, wardens & Fellowship of the said Craftes or mysteries, for euery offence against this ordinance, tenn poundes; wherof the moytie shalbe to their common box, & thother moytie to the poore people of the said Cittie, to be distributed at the discrecion of the maister & wardens for [the] tyme being.

5. No one save an Apprentice shall carry on a Company-trade till he is admitted

and pays £10.

Penalty £10.

[6] **Item**, it is ordeyned that no maister or brother of any of the said Craftes or mysteryes within the said Cittie shall intyce, hier, or take to worke, any Iourneyman, prentice, or servant of any brother or maister of the said Craftes or mysteries, without the licence & consent of his maister, vpon payne to forfeyt to the said maister, wardens & fellowship, for euery such offence, tenn shillinges, wherof the moytie shalbe to their comon box, and thother moytie to the poore people of the said Cyttie, to be distributed at the discrecion of the maister & wardens for the tyme being.

6. No Brother shall employ another's workman

without consent.

Penalty 10*s*.

[7] **Item**, it is ordeyned that no maister or brother of the said Craftes or mysteries hearafter shall suffer any forrenner or other—except such as are his apprentizes—to worke in his shoppe, or house, or elsewhere within the said Cittie, for him, or for any other by his meanes, without the licence of the maister & wardens of the said craftes & mysteryes in the said Cyttie for the tyme being, vpon payne to forfeyt for euery such offence, vnto the said maister, wardens & fellowship, thre shillinges and fower pence, to be put into their comon box.

7. No Brother shall let any Stranger work for him without license from the Master and Wardens.

Penalty 3*s*. 4*d*.

[8] **Item**, that no maister or brother of the said

8. No Master-

Smith shall shoe a horse that another Brother has pared.

mysterye of Smythes within the said Cittie, nor anie of their servantes, shall hearafter shoe any horse which any of his brethren of the said Cyttie hath pared, except there be verie reasonable cause—& the same cause to be allowed by the maister & wardens for the tyme being,—vpon payne to forfeyt for euery such offence, to the said maister, wardens & fellowship,

Penalty 3s. 4d.

three shillinges fower pence; wherof the moytie shalbe to their common box, & thother moitie to the poore people of the said Cittie, to be distributed at the discrecion of the maister & wardens for the tyme being.

9. Strangers shall not hawk in Lichfield,

but only stand in the market or fair.

[9] **Item**, it is ordeyned that no forener exercysing any of the said craftes or mysteries hearafter, shall haucke within the said Cittie, but onelie take a standing on the markett daye or fayer tyme, vpon payn to forfeyt for euery such offence, to the said maister,

Penalty 6s. 8d.

wardens & fellowship, six shillinges eight pence; the moytie wherof to be to their comon box, & thother moitie to the poore people of the said Citty, to be distributed at the discrecion of the maister & wardens for the tyme being.

10. No Smith shall go to an inn or house unless he's sent for,

nor shall he bribe servants to get custom.

[10] **Item**, that none of the trade of Smythes within the said Cittie shall goe to anie of the Innes or Houses within the said Cyttie, or send any of his servantes to doe any thing belonging to the same trade, except he be called or sent for; neyther shall any of theym gyue rewardes, ould fees, or money to the servantes of any of the said Innes or Howses, or any other person, to haue the Custome of the said house, vpon payne to forfeyt to the maister, wardens & fellowship of the said Craftes & mysteries, for euery such

Penalty 6s. 8d.

offence, six shillinges eight pence; wherof the moytie shalbe to their common box, & thother moytie to the poore people of the said Cyttie, to be distributed at the discrecion of the maister & wardens for the tyme being.

[11] **Item**, that no m*aister* or brother of any of the said craft*es* or mysteries w*i*thin the said Cittie shall hearafter disclose anie councell or com*m*unycac*i*on concernyng any of their said sciencies had at their com*m*on assemblies, neyther make anie brawles, chidyng or contenc*i*on, nor raise or report any false, slanderous, or evill speach or tayle of any of the freemen of any of the said Craft*es* or mysteries within the said Cittie, vpon payne to forfeyt to the m*aister*, wardens & fellowship aforesaid, for eu*e*ry offence against any part of this ordynaunce, ten shillinge*s*; wherof the moitie to be to their com*m*on box, & thother moitie to the poore people of the said Cittie, to be distributed at the discrec*i*on of the m*aister* & wardens for the tyme being.

11. No brother shall disclose trade-secrets, or brawl, chide, or slander any Freeman. Penalty 10*s*.

[12] **Item**, it is ordeyned that no forener vsing any of the said Craft*es* or mysteries shall take any worke out of the said Cittie belonging to any of the said Craft*es* or mysteries, vpon payne to forfeyt to the m*aister*, wardens & fellowship aforsaid, for eu*e*ry breach of this ordynance, ten shillinge*s*, vnles the m*aister* & Wardens first giue consent so to do; wherof the moitie shalbe to their com*m*on box, & thother moytie to poore people of the said Cyttie, to be distributed at the discrec*i*on of the m*aister* & wardens for the tyme being.

12. No Stranger shall take any Company work out of the City. Penalty 10*s*.

[13] **Item**, that eu*e*ry yeare when newe m*aister* & wardens of the said Craft*es* or mysteries w*i*thin the said Cyttie shalbe chosen, according to the true meaning of this present ordinance*s*, then there shalbe made by the m*aister* & wardens for the yeare next before, to the then newe m*aister*, wardens and Fellowship, a true accompt of all such somes of money as they or any of theym haue receyued for the same next yeare preceding, & then pay what shall appeare to be due, vpon payne that eu*e*ry one offending against this ordynance, for eu*e*ry such offence shall forfeyt to the said newe m*aister*, wardens & fellowship, fortie shillinge*s*, the

13. On the election of a new Master and Wardens, the outgoing ones shall account to them for all moneys receivd in the previous year. Penalty 40*s*.

moytie wherof shalbe to their common box, & thother moitie to the poore people of the said Cittie, to be distributed at the discrecion of the maister & wardens for the tyme being.

14. All disputes between Freemen shall be heard by the Master and Wardens before the parties go to law.

[14] **Item**, it is ordeyned & established, that if anie dissencion, debate or discord, shall happen betwene any of the free men of the said trades or mysteries within the same Cyttie, that the maister & wardens of the said trades or mysteries within the said Cyttie for the tyme being, may call the parties before theym, & heare & determyne the matter according to right & conscience, before any suyt of lawe be attempted, so that peace may be had emongst theym; vpon payne that euery partie refusing to abyde such hearing & determynyng the controuersie betwene him & theym, or his or their aduersarie or aduersaries, shall forfeyt for euery such his or their refusall, to the maister, wardens & fellowship aforesaid, twentie shillinges, wherof the moytie to be to their common box, & thother moytie to the poore people of the said Cyttie, to be distributed at the discrecion of the maister & Wardens for the tyme being.

Penalty 20*s*.

15. No Journeyman shall work in his own house.

[15] **Item**, it is ordeyned that noe Iorneyman of any of the said Craftes or mysteries within the said Cyttie shall hearafter worke in his owne house any thing apperteyning to any of the said trades or mysteries, vpon payne to forfeyt to the said maister, wardens & fellowship, for euery such offence, three shillinges fower pence, wherof the moitie to be to their Common box, & thother moytie to the poore people of the said Cyttie, to be distributed at the discrecion of the maister & wardens for the tyme being.

Penalty 3*s*. 4*d*.

16. No Stranger shall sell any wares in the City save on Market-days and at Fairs

[16] **Item**, it is ordeyned that noe forener vsing any of the said Craftes or mysteries shall occupie any standing, or vtter any Wares, within the said Cyttie, belonging to any of the said Craftes or mysteries, but onelie on the markett dayes, fayre tyme, & tyme of

market, viz., betwixt nyne of the clocke in the morning, & fower of the clocke in the after-noone, of any such merkett or fayer day, vpon payne to forfeyt for euery such offence, vnto the maister, wardens & fellowship of the said Craftes & misteries within the said Cittie, fortie shillinges. from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Penalty 40s.

[17] **Item**, it is ordeyned that no person vsing any of the said Craftes or mysteries shall hearafter occupie or cause [1]to be occupied any other of the said craftes or mysteryes within the said Cyttie, but that wherein he haith beene brought vp as an apprentice, according to the true intent of these ordynaunces, vpon payne to forfeyt to the Maister, Wardens & fellowshipp aforesaid, for euery month for offending, twentie shillinges. 17. Freemen sha'n't practise any trade but the one they were apprentist to. Penalty 20s.

[18] **Item**, that none of any of the said Craftes or Mysteries within the said Cyttie shall hearafter buy or cause to be bought any Ware or Wares which any of the freemen of the said trades, craftes or mysteries within the said Cyttye haith bargayned, agreed for, or gyuen earnest for, havinge notyce of the same, vpon payne to forfeyt to the Maister, wardens and fellowship aforesaid, ten shillinges, wherof the moytie to be to their comon box, and thother moytie to the poore people of the said Cyttie, to be distributed at the discrecion of the maister and Wardens for the tyme being. 18. No Freeman shall buy any wares that another has bargaind for. Penalty 10s.

[19] **Item**, if any Maister die, any of his apprentizes not hauing served out the tyme of his apprentiship, in any of the said Craftes or misteries within the said Cyttie, then shall he, within convenyent tyme after request, be placed with some other Maister within the said Cyttie, vntill he haue served out the resydew of the full tyme of his apprentiship, if he intend to be free within the said Cittye of any of the said Craftes or mysteries, & shall soe imploy him- 19. Apprentices of a Master dying shall either serve the rest of their time with another Master,

[1] Second skin of parchment.

selfe as he shall not onelie doe his endevour to be sufficient in his art and science, but also doe service to the wydowe of his deceased Maister, by discrecion of the Maister & Wardens of the said craftes & mysteries within the said Cyttie for the tyme being, or els agre with the said Maister and Wardens of the said Craftes or mysteries within the said Cyttye for the tyme being, to thuse of his laite maisteres wydowe, & so depart without his freedome if he be so disposed; vpon payne to forfeyt for euery breach of this ordynance, to the mayster, wardens & fellowship of the said Craftes or mysteries within the said Cyttie, fyve poundes.

for the benefit of his dead Master's widow,

or compound with the Master and Wardens on her behalf, and then leave.

Penalty £5.

[20] **Item**, it is ordeined & established, noe platte of silver, gould or gylt, whole or broken, or any maner of pretious stones or Iewells, or any lattyn, brasse, pewther, or other mettall whatsoeuer, belonging to the trade, craft, or mysterie of goldsmythes or pewterers, whole or broken, shall be bought by any of thinhabitantes of the said Cyttie, or any other vsing any of the trades or mysteries before mencioned, to be sould agayne, or shalbe offered to be sould agayne, vnles it be by any of the goldsmythes or pewtherers within the said Cyttie allowed & made free as aforesaid; vpon payne that euery one so offending, for euerye breach of this ordynance shall forfeyt to the Maister & Wardens of the said Craftes or mysteries within the said Cyttie for the tyme being, ten shillinges: And this ordynance is not to be taken to make lawfull that any goldsmythes should meddle in the trade of pewtherers, nor any pewtherer with the trade of goldsmythes within the said Cyttie.

20. No plate, jewels or metal used by goldsmiths or pewterers shall be bought by Lichfield folk for sale again,

unless by leave of a Freeman.

Penalty 10*s*.

[21] **Item**, it is ordeyned & established that none of the said craftes or mysteries within the said Cyttie, nor any other not being free of any of the said trades, craftes or mysteries within the said Cyttye, shall vtter any wares, being wares belonging to any of the said trades, craftes or misteries within the said Cytty, but such as

21. Wares of any trade

shall be sold only by Freemen

perteyne to his trade, science, craft or mysterye wherein he haith bene trayned vp, allowed & made free of, within the said Cyttye, And that the same wares perteyning to his trade shalbe vttered in open market or fayer, or in his shopp, & not otherwise, vpon payne to forfeyt to the master, Wardens & fellowship of the said craftes & mysteries, for euery such offence, six shillinges eight pence; wherof thone moytie shalbe to the Comon box, & thother moitie to the poore people of the said Cyttie, to be distributed at the discrecion of the Maister & Wardens of the said Craftes & mysteries for the tyme being.

traind to that trade in Lichfield,

and then only in market, fair, or shop.

Penalty 6*s.* 8*d.*

[22] **Item**, if any being free of any of the said trades within the said Cyttye, offend in any thing against any of thordinances in these presentes conteyned, & pay not the penaltie & forfeyture to the maister & wardens for the tyme being, within thirtie dayes after the same forfyture publicklie declared in the Guyldhall of the same Cyttie vpon any thursday in the tyme that the Court of Record within the same Cyttie shall or should be kept, after request by the comon Serieant made to thoffendour & refusall made by thoffendour to pay the same forfeyture, & the same signified to the maister & Wardens by the same Comon serieant in wryting vnder his hand, then euery such offendour shall—in the said open hall, & in the tyme of the said Court-keping—be openlie declared to be disfranchised, And to be neuertheles remytted vpon such redempcion & in such sort as shall seeme good to the maisters & wardens for the tyme being. **All** which statutes, lawes, ordynances & constitucions are ordeyned by the Mayster, Wardens & fellowship of the said Craftes or mysteries in the said Cyttie, to take place & stand in strength & power as statutes & ordynances from such tyme as the said Iustices of Assise shall make Approbacion and allowance therof.

22. Any Freeman breaking any Ordinance,

and not paying the penalty within 30 days,

shall be disfranchised, but may afterwards compromise.

All these Ordinances, we two Justices of Assise approve.

All *which* ordynances, statutes and constitucion, we the said Iustices, according to the act of parliament aboue remembred, and by the aucthoritie to vs gyven bye the same, doe approbate and allowe to be and stand in force and effect according to the purport of the same.

Provided that if any doubts arise on these Ordinances,

Provided alwayes, that yf any ambiguytie, doubt or question shall happen to aryse hearafter, vpon the takyng, construccion or meaning of any article therof, or sentence conteyned in this present booke, or that any person or persons shall at any tyme hearafter complayne & declare theymselves to the Iustices of Assise of this Countie of Stafforde for the tyme being, that they be charged or troubled in bodie or goodes by reason of these ordynances aforsaid, or any of theym (otherwise then by the lawes & statutes of this Realme he or they ought to be) by thabusing, mystaking or mysinterpretacion of these ordynances or any of theym, or if yt shall happen any myscheife or inconvenyence hearafter to fall out by reason of these ordynances or any of theym, & that the same shall so appeare to & before the said Iustices for the tyme being, That then, not onelie the same ambiguyties, myscheifes, doubtes, questions & inconuenyences to be from tyme to tyme discussed, reformed and corrected by the said Iustice[s] of Assise for the tyme being, but also all the said ordynances and euery of theym, or soe many of theym as shalbe by the said Iustices in their wisdome, thought fytt to be reformed or corrected by the discrecion of the said Iustices of Assise for the tyme being to be vtterlie made frustrate & voyde, or corrected or amended in such sort as by the said Iustices for the tyme being shalbe declared, lymyted, or appoynted in wryting subscrybed with their names.

or any one is harmd by them,

the Justices for the time being may amend

and reform the same

by writing signd by them.

Given at Stafford 3 Aug., 1601.

Geuen at the towne of Stafford in the Countie of Stafford at the Assises in our Circuyt, the third day of August in the three and fortith yeare of the raigne of our soueraigne Ladie

Elizabeth, by the grace of God, Quene of England, France & Ireland, defendo*ur* of the faith, &c.

[Signed] Tho Walmysley. P. Warburton.

[Endorst in a later hand] Blacksmiths Company.
3rd August, 43 Eliz., 1601.

SECOND SET OF ORDINANCES OF THE COMPANY OF LICHFIELD SMITHS.

24 July, 1630.

To all Christian People vnto whome this presente writinge shall come, William Throppe and Richard Draffgate, the now Bayliffes of the Cittie of Lichfeild, and the One and Twenty Bretheren of the Incorporacion of the said Cittie, send greetinge in our Lord God everlastinge. **Know You** that whereas peace preserveth and maketh Common Wealthes to prosper and flourishe, And discord decayeth and distroyeth the same, And that there can be noe peace where there are noe lawes to relieue and reward the honest and virtuouse, and to corecte and chastize the dissolute and wicked; And whereas our late Soveraigne Lord Kinge James of Blessed Memory, by his highnes letters Patentes, did graunte vnto the Bayliffes and the Cittizens of the said Cittie of Lichfeild, and their Successors for ever (emongst diverse and sundry other Priviledges, liberties, and thinges therein contayned), That the Bayliffes and the One and Twenty Bretheren of the said Cittie for the tyme being, or the maior parte of them, should for ever from thenceforthe haue full power, faculty, and authoritie, at their pleasures, to make, ordayne, constitute and appoynte, Orders, Constitutions, and Ordynances in writinge, vnder the Common Seale of the said Cittie for the good gouverninge, ordering and disposinge of the said Cittie, and of all and singuler the Cittizens, Officers and Ministers,

1630

The 2 Bailiffs and 21 Brethren of the Corporation of Lichfield greet you.

As peace cannot exist unless laws reward the virtuous and chastise the wicked;

and as James I. empowered the Bailiffs and Brethren of Lichfield

to make Ordinances

for the Trade-Fraternities,

and fix how the Tradesmen

and Strangers should behave in Lichfield;

and as the Master and Wardens

of the Smiths, Ironmongers, Cutlers, Spinners, &c. of Lichfield,

seeing that their trades need better ordering,

and that Strangers

not apprentist in the City set up there,

have askt us for fresh

Trades and Tradesmen, fraternities, and severall Companies or societies of any Mistery or Occupacion whatsoever within the said Cittie, the liberties and Precinctes of the same, And how and in what manner and forme all and singuler the Cittizens, Artificers, Tradesmen, Fraternities, and all and every the severall Companies of any Trade, Mistery, or occupacion within the said Cittie for the tyme beinge, in their severall Trades, Misteries and occupacions, And how and in what manner euery forreyne Artifecer and Tradesman resortinge to the said Cittie, should vse, gouverne, and behaue him and them selues within the said Cittie, the liberties and precinctes of the same, as by the said letters patentes more fully appeareth: **And whereas** John Mynshawe the now Master, and George Attkyn, and William Smythe the now Wardens, and the Company of Smythes, Goldesmithes, Cardmakers and Ironmongers, Pewterers and Brasyers, Plumbers, Cuttlers, Naylers and Spurryers, within the said Cittie of Lich feild, beinge a very auncyent society and brotherhood within the said Cittie, perceivinge theire Trades and Craftes to goe to decaye mightely within the said Cittie, as well for want of good order and aduyce emongest them for the better gouverninge and orderinge of the said Trades and Tradesmen, as alsoe for that many Straungers and younge men, which haue not served their apprentishippes within the said Cittie, and many other which haue shifted abroade in the Country, and haue not orderly served any Apprentishipp in any one place, haue hither repayred, and sett vpp the said Trades or some of them, by meanes whereof the freemen of the said Trades within the said Cittie are much hindered and ympoverished, **haue** made humble peticion to vs to graunte them a Booke, for the reforminge and amendinge of the said abuses and inconvenyencies, and for the establishinge of diverse good orders and

Ordynances emongest them, for the better government of all and every of the said Trades and Brotherhood, and of all persons vsinge the said trades, or any of them, within the said Cittie; **wherevppon**, wee the said Bayliffes, and the One and Twenty Bretheren of the Incorporacion of the said Cittie, with one consent and agreement, takinge into consideracion the cause of the great decay of the said Trades and Tradesmen within the said Cittie, and desiringe to prevent the like inconvenyencies, by ordayninge and appoyntinge some good orders and ordynances for the better government of all and every of the said Trades and Misteries, Haue—accordinge to the power given vnto vs by the said letters Patentes—devised, made, ordayned and appoynted, And by theise presentes doe devise, make, ordayne and appoynte, All and singuler theise orders, constitutions and ordynances followinge, for the good and prosperose estate of all and every of the said Trades and Misteries of Smythes, Goldesmithes, Cardmakers and Ironmongers, Pewterers and Brasyers, Plumbers, Cuttlers, Naylers and Spurryers, within the said Cittie: and for the orderinge, rulinge and governinge of all and every of the Tradesmen of all and every of the said trades within the said Cittie, the liberties and precinctes of the same, Or which shall vse the said Trades or any of them within the liberties of the said Cittie: /

Ordinances for their Trades,

We, the 2 Bailiffs and 21 Brethren of the Corporation of Lichfield,

make and ordain the following Ordinances for the Smiths, Cardmakers, Brasiers, Nailers, &c., in our City:—

1. **Inprimis**, accordinge to the Commendable Custome vsed, as well in the said Cittie as in other Cities and Townes within this Realme of England, That the Gouvernors of Corporacions, Fellowshipps and Societies, are yearly changed, and new chosen in theire places, It is now therefore by vs ordered and ordayned, that yearly and every yeare hereafter, vppon the Wednesday nexte after the feaste daie of St. Clementt, The Maister, Wardens and Com-

1. Every year,

on the Wednesday after Nov. 23,

the Trades shall meet,

pany, of Smythes, Gouldsmythes, Cardmakers and Ironmongers, Pewterers and Brasyers, Plumbers, Cuttlers, Naylers and Spurryers within the said Cittie, or the Maior *parte* of them, shall meete together at some place convenyent within the said Cittie; Where the greater nomber of them soe meetinge together, shall

and shall elect a new Master and 2 Wardens

and may *proceede* to the new election of a new Master and Two new Wardens. And when theire election is soe made, the Master and Wardens soe chosen shall continue respectiuely Master and Wardens of the said

for a year,

Company for one whole yeare then nexte followinge, vntill a new Master and Two new Wardens be chosen

to govern the Company.

as aforesaid, for the ruleinge and government of the said Company, and for the redressinge of all disorders therein, and for the execu*c*ion of all Ordynances herein

But if any Officer die or leave the City, &c.,

menc*i*oned. Neverthelesse, yf the said Master and Wardens for the tyme beinge, or any of them, shall die within the yeare, or dep*ar*te oute of the said Cittie and dwell elswhere, or shall be lawfully putt oute of

the Company

his said Office, Then the Bretheren of the said Company shall in every such case as ocasyon serveth, call

shall meet within 20 days

a new assembly at some convenyent place within the said Cittie, within the space of Twenty daies nexte after such deathe, dep*ar*ture forthe of the said Cittie,

and elect substitutes for the rest of the year.

or puttinge forthe of Office as aforesaid, and *proceede* to a new election in manner and forme aforesaid, to supply every such defecte, and to continue oute the remnant of the yeare in which such defecte hapneth.

Any Freeman who,

And yf any, beinge a Freeman of any of the said Trades and Misteries within the said Cittie, shall—

after notice,

after notice given or sent vnto him of the tyme and place by the Master and Wardens of the said Trades and Misteries, or by any of them for the tyme beinge—

is absent from an Election without good excuse,

wilfully or without reasonable excuse to be allowed by the Maior *parte* of the said Company, absent him selfe, and not be *p*resent at every such elecc*i*on within the

said Cittie, That then every Freeman of the said Trades, or any of them, soe beinge absent, shall forfeyte for every tyme that he shall soe absent him-selfe, vnto the vse of the said Company ij^{s} vj^{d}, which said sume shall be putt into theire Com*m*on Boxe./ shall forfeit 2*s.* 6*d.*

2. Item, it is further ordayned and ordered, that yf the Master or eyther of the Wardens soe duely elected, shall refuse to take vppon him the said Office or place wherevnto he is elected, or shall (after that he hath taken vppon him the said place) be wilfully negligent in the due execuc*i*on of the said Office, or doe neglecte to p*er*forme and doe his Office and duety therein, and that he be soe adiudged by the Maior p*ar*te of the said Companye vppon examinac*i*on thereof, he shall forfeyte to the vse of the said Company, for every such refusall or wilfull neglecte, Fourtie shillinges; which said sum*m*e shall be likewise putt and kepte in theire com*m*on Boxe./ 2. [*New.*] Any Master or Warden refusing the office or neglecting this duty shall forfeit 40*s.*

3. Item, it is ordayned and further ordered that euery one that hathe, or hereafter shall haue, served his Apprentishipp in or to any of the said Craftes and occupac*i*ons within the said Cittie, for the space of Seaven yeares, or for any longer tearme, vnto any freeman of the said Company, shall by his Master be made free onely of the said Mistery and trade which he hath soe served in, and shall be admitted and allowed to be a freeman of the said Company of Smythes, Goldesmythes, Cardmakers and Ironmongers, Pewterers and Brasiers, Plumbers, Cuttlers, Naylers, and Spurryers, yf the said servant doe desire the same, And doe forthwith paie to the Master and Wardens of the said Company for the tyme beinge, for his freedome, Twenty Shillinges; And to the Bayliffes of the said Cittie, or one of them, for the tyme beinge, for swearinge of him a Freeman of the said Cittie and Company, Three shillinges and Foure pence; And to 3. Seven-year Apprentices to any Freeman shall be made free by him of the Company on paying 20*s.* to it, [*new*] 3*s.* 4*d.* to the City-Bailiffs,

and 3*s*. 4*d*. to the Town-Clerk.

the Towneclarke of the said Cittie for the tyme beinge, for the inrollinge of his name and freedome, Three shillinges and Foure pence; Vppon payne that every person offendinge againste this Ordynance shall forfeyte

Penalty 40*s*.

to the vse of the said Company, Fourtie shillinges; which said summe shall be likewise putt and kepte in their Common Boxe: /

4. No Brother shall take an Apprentice for less than 7 years.

4. Item, it is further ordered and ordayned that noe brother of the said Company shall at any tyme hereafter take any Apprentice vnto any of the said Trades for any shorter tearme then Seaven yeares, Vppon Payne that every Brother of the said Company which shall offend agaynste this Ordynance, shall forfeyte to the vse of the said Company for every tyme

Penalty 40*s*.

soe offendinge, Fourty shillinges; which said summe shall likewise be putt and kepte in theire Common Boxe./

5. Every Apprentice when taken

5. Item, it is further ordered and ordayned that every Brother of the said Company, which now is or hereafter shall be, which shall take any Apprentice to be instructed in any of the said Trades,

shall be enrold in the Company's Book at its next Meeting,

shall at the nexte meetinge of the said Company, after the retayner of any such Apprentice, procure and cause the name of his Apprentice to be inrolled in a Booke for their [? that] purpose to be appoynted by the Master of the said Company for the tyme beinge, for the inrollinge of the names of all such Apprentices which[1] every freeman of the said Company shall take, and the tyme that he is to serve him therein; Every

[*new*] his Master paying 12*d*. to the Master of the Company,

such Brother takinge an Apprentice as aforesaid, payinge to the vse onely of the said Master of the said Company for the time beinge, for the inrollinge of the name of his Apprentice in the said Booke, the summe

and 12*d*. to the Clerk.

of Twelue pence, and to theire Clarke or other Officer, Twelue pence (which said Booke shall from tyme to

[1] *which* for our *as*.

tyme remayne with the Master of the said Company for the tyme beinge), Vppon payne that euery Master of any such servant or Apprentice offendinge agaynste this Ordynance, shall forfeyt for euery Moneth soe offendinge, vnto the vse of the said Company, Tenn shillinges; which shall be likewise putt and kepte in their Common Boxe: / Penalty 10*s*.

6. Item, it is further ordered and ordayned that noe brother of the said Company shall at any tyme hereafter take and keepe aboue one Apprentice at once, nor haue aboue one Apprentice in his service at any tyme together (Excepte it bee in the last yeare wherein his said Apprentice is to serue him), Vppon payne to forfeyte vnto the vse of the said Company, for euery tyme that he shall soe offend, Fiue poundes, which shall be likewise putt and kepte in theire Common Boxe./ 6. No Brother shall have more than one Apprentice at a time. Penalty £5.

7. Item, it is ordered and ordayned that noe Forreyner or stranger of any of the said Trades, or any other person or persons whatsoever, which hath not served Seaven yeares at the leaste as an Apprentice in the said occupacions of Smythes, Goldesmythes, Cardmakers and Ironmongers, Pewterers and Brasyers, Plumbers, Cuttlers, Naylers and Spurryers, or to some of them, to some Brother and Freeman of the said Company, within the said Cittie, shall from henceforth buy, sell, or vtter any kinde of Wares or stuffe [belong]inge or appertayninge to any of the said Trades, within the said Cittie, Excepte only vppon faire daies and Markett daies here, and then betwene the howers hereafter mencioned and appoynted (Savinge that all and every of the Inhabitantes within the said Cittie, which are noe freemen of the said Company may from tyme to tyme, sell within theire dwellinge howses, vnto any person or persons whatsoever, any of theire householde stuffe or ymplementes of howshold, belong- 7. No Stranger or others who haven't servd 7 years' apprenticeship to a Freeman, may sell any ware of the Company's trades, except on Fair-days and Market-days.

Nor may Strangers buy any silver, gold, jewels,

or metal,

to sell again;

nor carry on any of the Company's trades,

or be a Freeman of it, until he's compounded with it,

or paid it £10,

and taken his Oath as a Freeman.

Penalty 20s.

No Goldsmith shall meddle with a Pewterer or Brasier, or either of them with him.

inge to any of the said Trades); Nor shall any such forreyner buy within the said Cittie, any Wares, Silver or gold, Silver plate, whole or broken, or any manner of preciose stones, or Iewelles, brasse, pewter, lattyn, or lattyn wyer, Mettles or Commodities belonginge to the said Trades of a Goldesmyth, Pewterer and Brasyer, Cardmaker and Ironmonger, or to any of the said Trades aboue mencioned, to sell the same agayne, or to make profitt or benifitt thereof; Nor shall sett vpp any Shopp, or vse or exercise any of the said Trades of Smythes, Goldesmythes, Cardmakers and Ironmongers, Pewterers and Brasyers, Plumbers, Cuttlers, Naylers and Spurryers, or any of them, or any thinge to any of the said Trades appertayninge, publiquely or privately, within the said Cittie, or be made a freeman of the said Company, before he hathe compounded for his freedome with the Maior parte of the Freemen of the said Company, or given vnto them the summe of Tenn pounds to be made a Freeman and Brother of the said Company, and hath taken his oath of a Freeman of the said Cittie and Occupacion accordingly, in such manner & forme as by the precedent Orders is lymited and appoynted for freemen of the said Company to doe; vppon payne that every person that shall doe contrary to any branche or clause of this Ordynance [or] any parte thereof, to forfeyte to the vse of the said Company for every tyme that he shall offend herein, Twenty shillinges of lawfull money [of] England; which said forfeytures shall be likewise putt and kepte in theire common boxe. And it is alsoe the true intent and meaning [of] this Ordynance, that the Goldesmyth shall not meddle in the Trade of a Pewterer or Brasyer, nor the Pewterer or Brasier in [the Trade] of a Goldesmyth within the said Cittie: /

8.[1] Item, it is ordered and ordayned, that noe Iournyman Smyth, Iournyman Goldesmyth, Iournyman Cardmaker and Ironmonger, Iournyman Pewterer and Brasyer, Iournyman Plumber, Iournyman Cuttler, Iournyman Nayler, and Iournyman Spurryer, or any of them, now worckinge, or which at any tyme hereafter shall worcke with any Freeman of the said Company, shall departe from the service of his Master to worcke with any other Brother of this Company, Withoute one Monethes warninge given to his said Master, vnlesse that he haue his Masters license or leaue, Vppon payne that every Brother of the Company which shall receiue any Iournyman contrary to this Ordynance, shall forfeyte to the vse of the said Company for every tyme soe offendinge, Tenn shillinges; Which said Summe shall be likewise putt and kepte in theire Common Boxe: /

8. No Journeyman

working for a Freeman

shall leave

without such Master's license.

Penalty 10*s.*

9. Item, it is ordayned and ordered that noe brother of the said Company within the said Cittie, shall from henceforthe suffer any Forreyner or other of any of the said Trades (Excepte such as are his Iournymen and Apprentices) to worcke in his Shopp or howse, or elsewhere within the said Cittie, for him, or for any other person whatsoever, Withoute the licence of the Master or Wardens of the said Company for the tyme beinge; Vppon payne to forfayte for every such offence, to the vse of the said Company, Three shillinges and Fourepence; Which said summe is likewise to be putt and kepte in theire common boxe./

9. No Brother shall employ a Stranger

without leave of the Master or Wardens of the Company.

Penalty 3*s.* 4*d.*

10. Item, it is further ordered and ordayned, that yf any Brother of this Company shall refuse to giue or paye, or shall not pay his or theire parte and porcion in money, Which shall be assessed vppon him by the Maior parte of the said Company,

10. [*New.*] If any Brother doesn't pay his share

[1] 2nd skin of parchment.

of the cost of these Ordinances,

for and towards the obtayninge of theise new Orders and Ordynances, he shall not be hereafter suffered, but

he can't make his Apprentices Freemen.

shall be for ever disabled, to make any of his Apprentices, which now he hath or hereafter shall haue, Freemen of the said Company, or of any of the said Craftes or occupacions within the said Cittie, at the end of theire Apprentishipps, Any former Order or Ordynance whatsoever to the Contrary thereof notwithstandinge: /

11. No Stranger shall

11. Item, it is further ordered and ordayned that noe Forreyner exercisinge or vsinge any of the said Trades or Misteries, shall at any tyme on the Markett daies here, or on any other daies

(save on Fair-days) hawk any goods in which the Company deals. [See Ordin. 15.]

(Excepte fayre dayes here) hauke vpp and downe, or in the said Cittie, With any Commodities belonginge to any of the said Trades or Misteries; Vppon payne to forfeyte to the vse of the said Company for every

Penalty 6s. 8d.

such Offence, the summe of Sixe shillinges and Eighte pence; Which said summe shall be likewise putt and kepte in theire common Boxe: /

12. No Blacksmith

12. Item, it is further ordayned and ordered, that noe brother of the said Company, of the Trade of Blackesmithes within the said Cittie,

shall go or send to any inn or house

shall from henceforthe goe to any Innes or howses within the said Cittie, or send any of his servants thither, to doe any thinge belonginge to the said Trade

unless he is orderd;

(Excepte he be called or sent for); Neyther shall any

nor shall he bribe servants,

of them giue rewardes, olde fees or money, to the servantes of any of the said Innes or howses, or to any

to get custom.

other person or persons whatsoever, to haue the Custome of the said Inn or howse; Vppon payne to forfeyte to the vse of the said Company for every such

Penalty 6s. 8d.

Offence, the summe of Sixe Shillings and Eighte pence: Which said summe shall be likewise putt and kepte in theire Common Boxe.

13. Item, it is further ordered and ordayned, that no Forreyner vsinge any of the said Craftes or Misteries, shall carry any worcke oute of the said Cittie, belonginge to any of the said Craftes or Misteries, to worcke it vpp in the Country, withoute the consent of the Master and Wardens of the said Company for the tyme beinge; Vppon payne of every one offendinge againste this ordynance, to forfeyte to the vse of the said Company, for every such offence, the summe of Tenn shillinges; Which said summe shall be likewise putt and kepte in theire Common Boxe: / 13. No Stranger shall carry work out of the City to do it in the Country, without leave. Penalty 10*s*.

14. Item, it is further ordered and ordayned, that noe Iournyman of any of the said Craftes or Misteries, shall at any tyme hereafter, worke within the said Cittie, in his owne howse, or any other Shopp or Roome within the said Cittie (Excepte in a Freemans shopp of the said Company), any thinge appertayninge to any of the said Trades or Misteries, vppon payne to forfeyte to the vse of the said Company, for every tyme wherein he shall offend contrary to this Ordynance, the summe of Three shillinges and Fowre pence; which said summe shall be likewise putt and kepte in theire common boxe: / 14. No Journeyman shall work elsewhere than in a Freeman's shop or room. Penalty 3*s*. 4*d*.

15. Item, it is further ordered and ordayned, that noe forreyner vsinge any of the said Craftes, Trades, or Misteries, shall at any tyme hereafter, take any shoppe or standinge, or vtter any Wares within the said Cittie, belonginge to any of the said Craftes or Misteries, but only on the fayre daies, and Markett daies here, vide*licet*, on the Markett daies here betwixte the howers onely of Tenn of the Clocke in the Morninge, and Three of the Clocke in the Afternoone; Nor shall sell or vtter on the Markett daies here, betwene the said howers, any other kinde of Wares, but onely such Wares as properly belonge vnto 15 (see 11). No Stranger shall take a shop or stand, save on Fair-days, and on Market-days, between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m., or sell any Wares except those of

the trade he was apprentist to.

the Trade wherevnto hee was Apprentice, and truly served his Apprentiship; Vppon payne to forfeyte for every time offendinge againste this Ordynance, to the vse of the said Company, Fourtie shillinges; Which said summe shall be likewise putt and kepte in theire common boxe.

Penalty 40s.

16. No Brother shall

16. Item, it is further ordered and ordayned, that noe brother of the said Company shall at any tyme hereafter vse and occupy, or cause to be vsed and occupyed, any of the said Craftes or Misteries within the said Cittie, but that wherevnto and wherein he hath served his Apprentishipp; Nor shall sell, or buy to sell agayne, any manner of Wares belonginge to any of the said Craftes or Misteries, but only such Wares as proparrly appertayne to his Trade, whervnto he served his Apprentishipp; vppon payne to forfeyte to the vse of the said Company for every tyme soe offendinge againste this Ordynance, the summe of Tenn shillinges; Which said summe shall be likewise putt and kepte in theire Common Boxe. /

carry on any trade save that he was apprentist to,

or sell any wares save those of such trade.

Penalty 10s.

17. No Brother shall

17. Item, it is further ordered and ordayned, that noe brother of the said Company shall at any tyme hereafter buy, or cause to be boughte, any manner of Wares which any other brother of the said Company hath bargayned, agreed, or given earnest for (yf he haue notice of the same), Vppon payne to forfeyte for every such Offence, to the vse of the said Company, the summe of Tenn shillinges; which shall be likewise put & kept in theire common Boxe: /

buy any Wares that another Brother has bargaind for.

Penalty 10s.

18. If a Brother die

his Apprentices

18.[1] Item, it is further ordered and ordayned, that yf any Brothir of the said Company shall happen to die, havinge any Apprentice or Apprentices which at the tyme of his decease haue not served oute hys and theire Apprentishipps, that then the said Apprentice and Apprentices shall, within con-

[1] Column 2 of 2nd skin.

venyent tyme after request made, be placed with some other Freeman of the said Company, vntill he haue served oute the residue and full tyme of his Apprentishipp (yf he intend to be free of the said Company), or shall serue oute the residue of his tyme with the Widdow of his said deceased Master, At the discrecion of the Master and Wardens of the said Company for the tyme beinge, or the Maior parte of them; or else agree with the Master and Wardens of the said Company for the tyme beinge, for the residue of the tyme he hath to serue, to the vse of his said late Masters widdowe, And soe departe withoute his[1] freedome of the said Company, yf he be soe disposed; vppon payne to forfeyte to the vse of the said Company, for every Offence againste this Ordynance, Fiue poundes, to be likewise putt and kepte in theire common Boxe.

shall be put with another Freeman,

or remain with their old Master's widow,

or pay dues to her, and leave without their Freedom.

Penalty £5.

19. Item, it is further ordered and ordayned, that the olde Master and Wardens of the said Company shall, every yeare—vppon the daye that the new Master and Wardens of the said Company are chosen—accordinge to the trew meaninge of the former ordynance, make and deliver vpp vnto the new Master and Wardens, and to the rest of the said Company (beinge there present) a trew accompte in writinge vnder theire handes, of all such summes of money, writinges and other thinges whatsoever, Which they or any of them haue received or disbursed for the yeare last precedinge, by reason of theire Offices of Master and Wardenshippes; And shall then paye and deliver to the handes of the new Master and Wardens, all arrearages which shall appeare to be due vppon theire accomptes; and vppon payment thereof, the said new Master and Wardens soe chosen, and eyther of them, shall enter into bond, and become bounden ioyntly or severally, with good and sufficyent suerties, in double

19. Every year's Officers shall,

on the election of new Officers,

account to them for all Company-money, &c.,

and pay them all arrears.

The new Officers shall then give Bonds

[1] MS. alterd. ? *the* or *his*.

to the old one

the summe of the money received, to the olde Master and Wardens, or to some other Brother of the said Company whom the maior parte of the said Company

to account duly at the end of their year.

shall for that purpose nominate, with condicion to deliver vpp the like accoumpte as aforesaid; vppon payne for every person offendinge againste this Ordynance, for euery such offence to forfeite to the vse of the

Penalty £10.

said Company Tenn poundes; which said summe shall be likewise putt and kepte in theire common Boxe. /

20. All trade-disputes between Freemen shall

20. Item, it is ordered and ordayned, that yf any debate, discention or discord, shall happen betwene any of the Freemen of the said Company within the same Cittie, concerninge matters of

be referd to the Master and Wardens,

theire Trade, that the partie grieved shall declare his griefe to the Master and Wardens of the said Company for the tyme beinge, before he seeke any further remedy by lawe; to the intent that every such debate happninge may be friendly ended by the said Master, Wardens

under a

and Company; Vppon payne of every one that shall offend herein, or shall refuse to stand to the end that the said Master, Wardens and Company, or the maior parte of them, shall make, to forfeyte for every tyme

Penalty of 3*s.* 4*d.*

soe offendinge, to the vse of the said Company, Three shillinges and Foure pence; which summe is likewise to be putt and kepte in theire common Boxe; **Provided**

But if they don't arbitrate in 14 days,

alwaise, that yf the Master, Wardens and Companie, or the maior parte of them for the tyme beinge, doe not end and arbitrate the same within a fortnight nexte after complaynte made vnto them, That then the partie

the complainer may take his own course.

grieved shall be at liberty to take his remedy as he shall thinke beste.

21. All Brethren shall obey the Master and Wardens,

21. Item, it is further ordered and ordayned, that the Master and Wardens of the said Company for the tyme beinge shall be obeyed in all reasonable and lawfull thinges for the tyme of theire Office, by all and every of the Bretheren of the said

Company; And that every person of the said Company shall duely and respectiuely carry and behaue him selfe to the said Master and Wardens and every of them (for the tyme beinge), withoute givinge them or any of them any evill or vnseemely wordes or mysbehaviour; vppon payne that every one that shall doe any thinge contrary to this ordynance, to forfeyte to the vse of the said Company, Three shillinges and Foure pence; which shall be likewise putt and kepte in theire common Boxe.

be respectful to them,

and not abuse them.

Penalty 3s. 4d.

22. Item, it is further ordered and ordayned, that noe brother of the said Company shall disclose hereafter any Counsell or Communicacion concerninge the said Trades or Mysteries or any of them, had at theire common assemblies; neyther make any brawles, chidinges or contencions there, nor raise or reporte any false, slaunderose or evill speeches, or tale of any Freeman of the said Company within the said Cittie, vppon payne to forfeyte to the vse of the said Company, for every tyme that any Brother shall offend herein, Tenn shillinges; which summe is likewise to be putt and kepte in theire common Boxe.

22. No Brother shall disclose Trade secrets,

or brawl, or slander any Freeman.

Penalty 10s.

23. Item, it is further ordered and ordayned, that yf any Freeman of the said Craftes or occupacions within the said Cittie, or any forreyner or other person, shall offend in any thinge, againste any of the Ordynances in theise presentes contayned, he shall paye the severall penalties and forfeytures herein mencioned and contayned, to the Master and Wardens of the said Company for the tyme beinge, vppon request made vnto the offendors by the said Master or Wardens for the tyme beinge, or by any of them. And yf any Offendor againste any of theise Ordynances shall not forthwith, vppon request as aforesaid, paie vnto the Master & Wardens of the said Company, or to some of them, the severall penalties which he hath forfeyted, or

23. Offending Freemen

shall pay their penalties.

If they don't,

shall forfeyte in or by any of theise Ordynances, Then and from thenceforthe it shall and may be lawfull to

the Master and Wardens may distrain the Offender's goods

and for the Master and Wardens of the said Company for the tyme beinge, or for any of them, to distrayne and take by way of distresse, any of the Goods, Wares and Marchandize of the said Offendors, and the same to detayne and keepe by the space of Three daies then next after; and yf the said Forfeyture or forfeytures for which the said distresse shall happen to be taken, be not within the said Three daies paid and dischardged, That then and from thenceforthe the Master and Wardens of the said Company for the tyme beinge, shall

and sell them,

sell the same goods, Wares and Merchandizes, after the best rate they can, for the payment of the penaltie forfeyted; and the overplus comeinge of the sale thereof (yf any be) the same shall be agayne restored vnto the

restoring any balance to the owner.

*par*ty soe offendinge (he demaundinge the same). And yf it happen that the said Master and Wardens of the said Company for the tyme beinge can not convenyently distrayne the goods of any such Offendor in forme aforesaid, That then in defecte of such distresse, it shall be

Or the Master and Wardens

lawfull to and for the Master and Wardens of the said Company, by the name of the Master and Wardens of the society and Company of Smythes, Goldesmythes, Cardmakers and Ironmongers, Pewterers and Brasyers, Plumbers, Cuttlers, Naylers and Spurryers *w*ithin the

may arrest and sue the non-paying Freeman for debt.

said Cittie, to arrest, sue or ymplead, or cause to be arested, sued and ympleaded, any of the said Offendors by Process yssuing oute of the Kings Ma*ies*ties Courts of Record *w*ithin this Cittie, vppon an action of Dete for any of the said Forfeytures herein contayned, at theire discre*c*ion, o[r for]the of any other of his Ma*ies*ties Courtes of Record whatsoever. /

24. The Company shall have a Common Box

24. Item, it is lastly ordered and ordayned that the said Master, Wardens and Company, shall for ever haue a Com*m*on Boxe, Wherein all theire said

severall forfeytures shall be kepte as aforesaid; Which said Boxe shall alwaise from tyme to tyme remayne in the Custody of the Master of the said Company for the tyme beinge; and the moneyes in the said Boxe beinge shall alwaise from tyme to tyme be bestowed and laid forthe, as by the Master, Wardens and Company, or the greater parte of them for the tyme beinge, shalbe appoynted and declared. **Provided** alwayse, and it is hereby further ordered and ordayned, that this Booke,[1] nor any thinge herein contayned, shall extend or be in any sorte preiudiciall to any former Booke or Bookes, orders or ordynances, heretofore made by vs vnto any other Brotherhood or society within this Cittie; But that all and every of the Booke and Bookes heretofore made by vs to them, or any of them, may continue in theire full power and force, accordinge to all and every of the Orders and Ordynances therein respectiuely contayned, Anything herein contayned to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstandinge. **Provided** likewise that yf it shall happen at any tyme hereafter, That there shall not be one sufficyent freeman resident within the said Cittie, of every of the said Trades vsinge his trade and mistery here, That then yf the Master and Wardens of the said Company doe not provide one sufficyent workman of every of the said Trades, to vse and practise his trade here, within Sixe Moneths next after warninge given vnto them by the Bayliffes of the said Cittie for the tyme beinge, That then and from thenceforth it shall and may be lawfull to and for the Bayliffs and Bretheren of this Incorporacion, to make free of the said Company, at theire liberty and pleasure, any Forreyner of any of the said Trades, which shall be soe wantinge within the said Cittie, Theise Ordynances, or anythinge herein contayned, to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstandinge. **In witnes whereof,**

to be kept by the Master,

the money in it being laid out by the Officers and Freemen.

Proviso 1: these Ordinances shall not prejudice any other Lichfield Society;

Proviso 2: if hereafter not 1 Freeman of any Company-trade is in Lichfield,

the City Corporation may make any Stranger of that Trade free of the Company.

[1] Deed, set of Ordinances.

wee the aforesaid Bayliffes and Bretheren of this Incorporacion, for the better authority of all and every of the aforesaid Ordynances, haue herevnto putt the Common Seale of the aforesaid Citty, the Twentie Fourthe daye of Iuly 1630, And in the Sixte yeare of the Raigne of our Soveraigne Lord, Charles, by the grace of God, of England, Scotland, Fraunce and Ireland, Kinge, defendor of the faithe, &c:

Seald with the Common Seal of Lichfield, 4 July, 1630.

[*There is no seal to the Deed.*]

[Endorst in a later hand.] Blacksmiths Company
24 Iuly 1630

Iohn Thornton

[A Third set of Ordinances was engrost for execution, in July 1820, 1 Geo. IV, by Sir Wm. Draper Best, Knight, one of the Judges of the King's Bench, and Sir Jn. Richardson, Knight, one of the Judges of the Common Pleas, but does not seem to have been executed. It has 23 Clauses founded almost wholly on the foregoing Ordinances. I don't think it worth printing.]

ORDINANCES OF THE LYNN TAILORS.

[A.D. 1449.]

From the 11th Report of the Historical MSS. Commission, Appendix, Part III. (1887) p. 165–6, by Mr. J. Cordy Jeafferson.

6 July, 27 Henry VI.—Ordinance by the Mayor and council, made for the good government of the Craft of taillours of the toun of Bishop's Lenn, wherby it was appointed that yearly all tailors, plying their craft in the said toun should appear before the Mayor in the Guildhall within the two months following St. Michael's Feast, and in his presence choose two of their number to act as Hedesmen of their craft during the ensuing twelve months; who on their election should (p. 166) take the following oath :—

"Sires, ye shal wele duly and trewely make serche of your crafte of all dwellers within the toun att this time; and that from this tyme forward, no new-come persones sette uppe the saide crafte with-oute he be sufficiaunt in connyng, Whos sufficiaunce and connyng shal be determined bi þe advyse of the meyre and the said hedesmen. And every persone so newe come and omitted, and wilbe no burgeys, for his newe settyng uppe shal paye to the Meyre xl*d.*, to the comons of Lenn xl*d.*, and to the said hedesmen xl*d.*—Which xl*d.* shal go to the sustentacioun of the procession upon Corpus Christi day;—And yf he wil be burgeys, than he to pay but xl*d.* for his no [? so] newe settyng uppe;

Henceforth no Tailor shall set up unless he have skill, in the judgment of the Mayor and Headsmen.

Any who won't be a Burgess, is to pay 3 sums of 40*d.* each;

Any who will be a Burgess, only one 40*d.*

All to pay for every Denizen sower ¼*d* a week;

and for every alien, double.

[And also to pay] to þe said hedesmen, for every sower be the weke, denysen *quadranta* [¼d]; for every sower be the quarter, denysen ii*d.*; and for every sower of alyaunt, duble to þe sower of deynsens, upon the payne the seid dwellers paye duble hem selffe. And

A non-Burgess to pay 40*d.* for every apprentice.

also, what persone of the saide crafte kepe any prentys with-in the toun from this tyme forward, and be no burgeys, shal paye to þe sustentacioun of the seid procession on Corpus Christi day xl*d.*; and the Meyre to sette a rewele therein, according to þe statute in the

Any one misfitting a custoner, or cabbaging his cloth,

Hall of olde tyme. And yf any persone compleyne of any man of the seid crafte þat he hath hurte be mysse-cuttyng or mysse-shapyng, or any part of his clothe taken otherwyse than in trewe forme; upon which, any persone or persones so convicted be leful and due preves, þat þan he or they so convycted, to

shall make amends.

make amendes to þe party or partyes so greved, be the sight of the Meyre and the seid hedesmen. And yf

But a Tailor unjustifiably slandering another on this point,

any persone of the said crafte slandre any man of such deedis so doon, and may not evydently be preved be due and leeful preves, they to be punysshed be þe avyse of

is to forfeit 40*d.*

þe Meyre and the seid hedesmen, and to forfite as often as he is founden so fauty, xl*d.*, Which shull go to þe

Non-tailors slandering, are to be punished.

seid procession upon Corpus Christi day. And yf any other person than of the said crafte compleyn or slaundre any man of dedis so doon, and may not be duly preved, thei to be punysshed be advyse of the Meyre and his

All quarrels in the Trade to be referred to the 2 Headsmen, and

counsell. And yf ther be any controversies and debates among any of the seid crafte—shaper or sower,—noon of them to sewe other in no manere wyse, but to come to the ii hedesmen, and to compleyne to him yf nede be; and thei to do ther parte to drawe hem to accorde; and

then the Mayor,

yf thei may not, þat þan thei to make relacion to Meyre: every man doying the contrary shal [forfete] þe payne

under a fixt penalty.

And if a Headsman is partial

accordyng to þe statute in the halle. and yf any of the seid ii hedesmen wil be parciall, or rewle þe mater

otherwise þan conciens, that than he þat so feleþ him agreved, come and compleyne to the Meyre. And if any þe said hedesmen be slowe [slow], and wil not do as is aforn-seid, so that they departe without remedy, so that who of hem sewe other throwe here defaute, that iche of þe seid hedesmen so preved gilty, to forfete þe peyne þat longeth to the halle," etc. [Followed by the names of the thirty-eight tailors of Lynn affected by the statute.]

or dilatory,

he shall pay the regular penalty.

SOUTHAMPTON TAILORS' PETITIONS.

[A.D. 1406–7 and 1468.]

11th Report of the Historical MSS. Commission (1877), Appendix III. p. 11, by Mr. J. Cordy Jeafferson.

8 Henry IV.—Petition (French) of the Taylors of Southampton to the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the said town, together with record of consent of the same Mayor, Aldermen and burgesses to the same petition, which, in the clauses following the preamble, runs in the following words :—

"Please a votre tressage discrecion, par advys de voz Aldermans, prudeshommes, et autres voz avaunditz bones burgeis, ordeigner et establler en icest present assemblee, que nulle aliene Tailloure, ne soudier Taillour Engleis, ne autre veignant en Carrike, Galeye, ou nief des aliens, priegne ne tiegne shope, meson, ne chambre, deinz mesme la ville pour tailler, ne deinz la Fraunchise dicelle taille robes, jepone, ne autres garnementz, a qi que soient, devaunt que tielle Taillour aliene ou soudier Taillour ad fait fyn et gree ove les mestres de mesme de mestier pour le temps esteauntz, sur peyne denprisonement, et ceo le primer foitz que soit trove trespassaunt encountre ceste ordynaunce ; et le secunde foitz dencorger la peyne de C.s. a leuer par le

Pray ordain

that no alien, or hired English tailor, or other from an alien shop, may set up in the city to cut

or may cut robes, &c.,

till he has settled with the Masters of the Trade, on

pain of imprisonment the first time and 100s. the 2nd time ;

And that no strange tailor may take shop or room till he has leave of the Mayor and Masters and has paid dues.

commaundement de vous ou del mair pour le temps esteauntz, par les ministres de dite ville . . . Et auxi que nulle Taillour estraunge veignant sodeynement de tailler en mesme la ville, ne tiegne shope ne chambre de tailler drape, saunz conge del Maire et des mestres del dit mestier, et tanque il ad feat fyn solons lour discrecioums en manere suis dit. Et, &c. &c."

Ibid. p. 87. A.D. 1468: 12 December, 8 Edward IV.

Certificatory Letters, touching the petition made to the Mayor, bailiffs and burgesses of Southampton by the Tailors of the said town, and the consent of the same Mayor, &c. to the said petition, whereby the tailors of Southampton sought for the protection of their trade against the encroachments and competition of foreign tailors.

After stating that heretofore their gains have been "wonte to rise of the strange people comynge into the poorte of the saied towne, as in carryckes, galleys, shippes of Spayne, Portingall, Almayne, Flanders, Zelonde, and others, in their vyages, ther beynge for their use to cutte their clothe by the handes of the taylors of the same town," John Renande (Roeffe Taylor) and the petitioners of the Craft of Tailors of Southampton complain that, to their injury "Nowe of late in dyvers carrickes, galleys, and in shippes of strangers, have come taylers of divers nacions, and sondre in them by divers tymes, the which tary and abyde within the carrickes, galleyes and shippes within the same poorte," &c.

See extracts about the crafts of webbers and weavers, and shoemakers and cordaners of Waterford in the 10th Report, Appendix, Pt. VI. p. 319, 320, and many other trade regulations. Very interesting details about the Galway trades, &c. are in the same Report: Appendix, Part VI. Notes of Ordinances for plenty of trades in

Kendal are in the 10th Report: Appendix, Part IV. p. 299–318. That about the Tailors is as follows:

f. 221.—"Orders concerninge Tailors." February 23, 1575. It is ordered that the Company of Tailors may nominate four of the most honest members of their trade, to be called Searchers or Overseers, to correct abuses. (This order was repealed in March 1575.) It is also ordered that no person who has not given or promised a benevolence or gift towards purchasing the incorporation of the borough, and so become a freeman, or been made free after, shall take upon him the occupation of a tailor within the borough, under pain to forfeit 10*s.* to the chamber of the borough. It is also ordered that any tailor may at pleasure exercise the science of a woollen draper. (The last two orders having been repealed, were revived on the 14th of November 1577.) . . . . .

f. 231. List of the twelve Companies [? 1578] with the number of wardens eligible by each :—

1. Chapmen, Merchants and Salters, 2.
2. Mercers and Drapers, linen and woollen, 2.
3. Shearmen, Fullers, Dyers, and Websters, 4.
4. Tailors, Embroiderers and Whilters, 4 or 2.
5. Cordwainers (cordyners), Cobblers, and Curriers, 4 or 2.
6. Tanners, Saddlers, and Girdlers, 2.
7. Inn-holders, Alehouse-keepers, and Tiplers, 4.
8. Butchers and Fishers, 2.
9. Cardmakers and Wiredrawers, 2.
10. Surgeons, Scriveners, Barbers, Glovers, Skinners, Parchment and Point-makers, 2.
11. Smiths, Iron and Hardware-men, Armourers, Cutlers, Bowyers, Fletchers, Spurriers, Potters, Painters, Plumbers, Tinkers, Pewterers, and Metallers, 2.
12. Carpenters, Joiners, Masons, Wallers, Slaters, Thatchers, Glaziers, Painters, Plasterers, Daubers, Pavers, Millers, and Coopers, 2.

Notes are in the Ninth Report, p. 292*a*, of the Stratford-on-Avon Ordinances for Weavers (2 April, 14 Eliz., A.D. 1572), Shoemakers and Sadlers (21 Oct., 20 Eliz., A.D. 1578), and Skinners and Tailors (2 March, 1585).

For notes of other Ordinances, and of many Gilds—chiefly religious—I refer the student to these Hist. MSS. Com. Reports, which contain material for a most interesting volume of extracts on the social condition of the country. I hope Mr. W. L. Sydney will some day give us such a volume, to match the capital "England in the Eighteenth Century."

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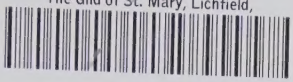

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